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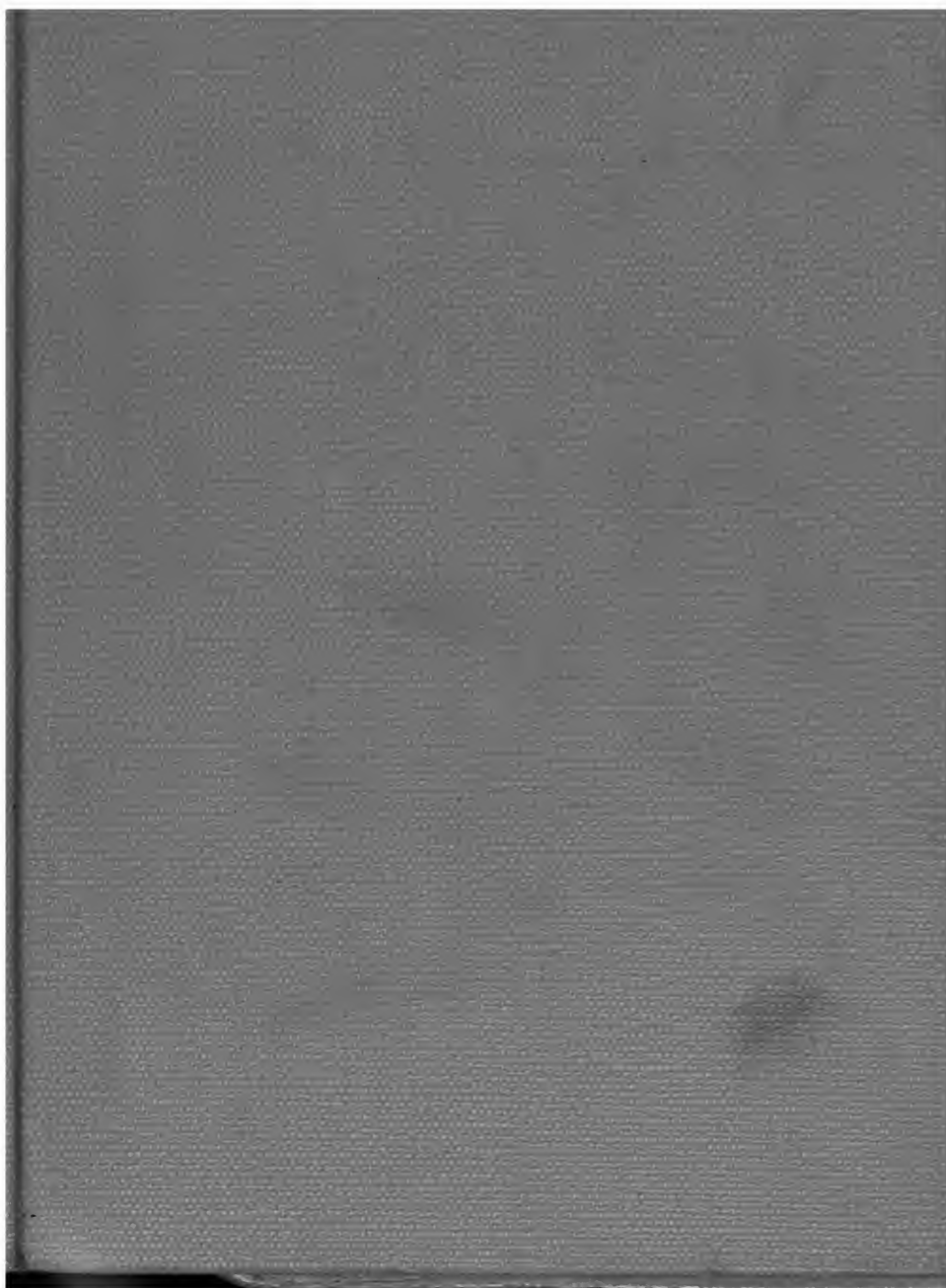
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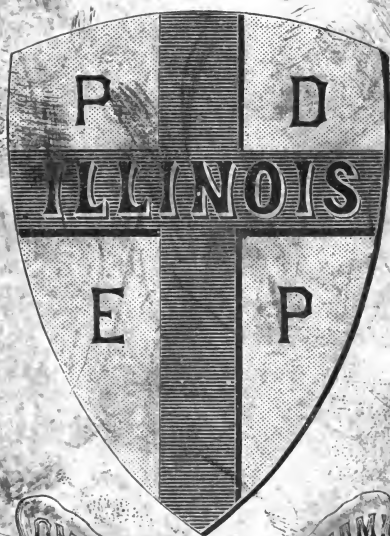
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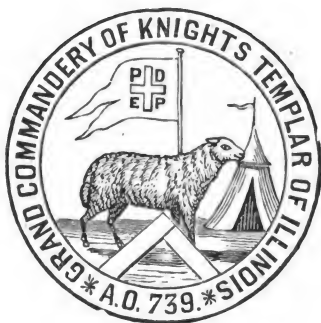


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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
Knights Templar
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

HELD AT THE
Masonic Temple, in the City of Chicago, on Tuesday, October 25,
A.D. 1870, A.O. 752.



R. E. SIR JOHN MILLS PEARSON,
GRAND COMMANDER.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois assembled at their fourteenth annual Conclave, in the Asylum of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Chicago, commencing on Tuesday, the 25th day of October, Anno Domini 1870, Anno Ordinis 752, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

PRESENT :

OFFICERS.

- R. E. SIR CHARLES EDWARDS MUNGER..Grand Commander.
V. E. " JOHN MILLS PEARSONDeputy Grand Commander.
E. " WILEY MICHAEL EGAN.....Grand Generalissimo.
" " DANIEL DUSTIN.....Grand Captain General.
Rev. E. " CHARLES ALLEN GILBERT.....Grand Prelate.
E. " JAMES ANDREW HAWLEY.....Grand Senior Warden.
" " HIRAM WARNER HUBBARD.....Grand Junior Warden.
" " ROBERT HARRIS FOSS.....Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES HOGE MILESGrand Recorder.
" " THEODORE TUTHILL GURNEY..Grand Standard Bearer.
" " LOUIS HENRY JORGENSENGrand Sword Bearer.
" " ASA WELLINGTON BLAKESLEY..Grand Warden.
" " LOCKWOOD KEELER OSBORN ...Grand Capt'n of the Guards.
" " CHARLES HOMAN BROWERInspector General.

And the representatives of thirty-three Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois was opened in Ample and Knightly Form by the R. E. Grand Commander, assisted by the Sir Knights present, Rev. and E. Sir Charles A. Gilbert, Grand Prelate, officiating at the Altar.

The Grand Commandery being formed in due array, the follow-

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights of Illinois:

Through the infinite mercy of the Grand Commander of the Universe we are again permitted to assemble in annual Conclave.

I trust that we are duly impressed with a feeling of thankfulness for this great favor, while we have seen death and affliction on every hand around. We, of all others; we, who are members of an order founded on the Christian religion, and the practice of the Christian virtues, should not forget from whom we receive every favor; we should not forget that the great I AM is the author of the blessings we are daily receiving, and were it not for His love for us in sending His only Son, the blessed Immanuel, to die for us, we could have no hope for living in the future.

Sir Knights, to be consistent with professions we have all made, these truths must be borne in mind.

Before proceeding with a detailed statement of my official acts during the year, it is proper for me to allude to the order of the Most Eminent Grand Master, read in your hearing shortly after the opening of this Grand Conclave, by which we are officially informed of the death of Most Eminent Sir B. B. French, Past Grand Master. By this sad event our Order is in mourning throughout the land.

A short time since and we were called upon to mourn the death of Most Eminent Sir Wm. B. Hubbard, and now another Past Grand Master has departed. Both were honored and respected by all members of our Order. While we mourn for them, we do not mourn as those who have no hope, for we have good reason to believe that these distinguished representatives of our Order are now enjoying a blessed immortality.

It also becomes my duty to inform you of the death, during the year, of a member of this Grand Body—Eminent Sir Phares A. Dorwin, Past Commander of Elwood Commandery, No. 6, is no more. He died at his home, in Springfield, February 18. Most of us have met Sir Knight Dorwin at our annual Conclaves, while many of us here present knew him intimately. In the minds of these there can be but the opinion that he was a true and Christian Knight, who lived a life consistent with his Knightly vows, and that he is now enjoying that rest and happiness provided for those who follow the teachings of our blessed Saviour.

In company with the Grand Prelate, Inspector General, and Eminent Sir Knight Dunning, I was permitted to pass an hour by his bedside a short time previous to his death. At the close of the interview, and at the request of our deceased Brother, prayer was offered by the Grand Prelate, all present joining with great earnestness. To me this interview was very affecting, and as we took leave of the Sir Knight, and were conscious that in all probability we should not look upon his face again, we were all deeply impressed.

I have performed no duty during my term of office where I have been more conscious that I was performing the true duty of a Templar than on the occasion of my visit to the bedside of our departed Brother. To minister to the wants of the sick and dying is indeed one of our first duties; and when we can believe that

the sufferer is prepared to meet the great change that is about to take place, as in the case of Sir Knight Dorwin, our pain and anxiety is materially lessened.

So far as I have been informed, this is the only death, during the year, of any member of this Grand Body. And may we be thankful that *we* are permitted to be present here to-day, and exchange our kindly greetings; may we look to it, that, when we are finally called from this world, we may be fully prepared to enter that heavenly asylum, there to greet and mingle with those who have preceded us.

From my own observation, and from information obtained from members of the Order, in different parts of the jurisdiction, I am happy to inform you that our Order was never in a more prosperous condition, and that, so far as I have learned, peace and harmony prevail. In fact I have had no case of grievance reported to me during the year. For this happy condition of the Order in this State we cannot be too thankful.

I will now proceed to give an account, in detail, of my official acts during my term of office:

On the 28th day of October I issued my proxy to Eminent Sir A. W. Blakesley, to constitute and install the Officers of Almoner Commandery, No. 32, at Augusta, and on the same day to Eminent Sir H. W. Hubbard, to perform a like service for Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 33, at Kankakee, both of which have been returned to me duly executed and certified, and will be found among the papers of the Grand Commander.

Agreeably to an understanding with Eminent Sir Philip G. Gillett, I am informed that Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, has been constituted, and its Officers installed by Very Eminent Sir John M. Pearson, the Deputy Grand Commander, of which action I have no doubt he will make full report at this Grand Conclave.

On the 19th of November I issued my Dispensation to Eminent Sir Daniel Dustin, Grand Captain General, to install Eminent Sir James A. Hawley, Grand Senior Warden, he being absent at the last Conclave of this Grand Body. This has been returned to me, duly executed.

On the receipt of petitions, all being in proper form, and signed by a constitutional number of Sir Knights, I have granted the following five Dispensations for new Commanderies:

On the 19th day of November, on recommendation of De Molay Commandery, No. 24—to the Sir Knights of Fairbury, Livingston county, for a Commandery, to be named St. Paul Commandery. Sirs John J. Wright, Commander; Benjamin E. Robinson, Generalissimo, and N. T. P. Robertson, Captain General.

On the 10th day of February, on the recommendation of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and Chicago Commandery, No. 19—to the Sir Knights of North Chicago, Cook county, for a Commandery, to be named St. Bernard Commandery. Sirs Edward N. Edwards, Commander; Frank A. Hayden, Generalissimo, and Louis Schaffner, Captain General.

On the 10th day of March, on recommendation of Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, Aurora Commandery, No. 22, and Calvary Commandery, No. 25—to the Sir Knights of Elgin, Kane county, for a Commandery to be named Cœur DeLeon

Commandery. Sirs Samuel A. French, Commander; Thos. H. Foster, Generalissimo, and Thos. E. Lawrence, Captain General.

On the 23rd day of March, on recommendation of Urbana Commandery, No. 16—to the Sir Knights of Tuscola, Douglas county, to be named Melita Commandery. Sirs William Howell Lamb, Commander; John Erwin, Generalissimo, and William P. Cannon, Captain General.

On the 9th day of May, on recommendation of the same Commandery—to the Sir Knights of Paxton, Ford county, to be named Mount Olivet Commandery. Sirs Solomon Jacob Toy, Commander; Julius Wallace Scott, Generalissimo, and Charles Henry Hawley, Captain General.

The fees in each case have been received and paid over to the Grand Recorder, as per receipts on file.

I desire to say that I have taken great pains to ascertain if these Dispensations should be granted, and in each case, before deciding to grant a Dispensation, I have obtained such information as has convinced me that each new Commandery would have a sufficient jurisdiction; that it was supplied with suitable rooms in which to meet, and that the petitioners were thoroughly in earnest in their undertaking.

From the report of the Inspector General I am informed that that officer has made, at my request, an official visit to St. Bernard Commandery, U. D., North Chicago, and to Mount Olivet Commandery, U. D., at Paxton. Of the first, he speaks in most flattering terms, but I am sorry to say that his report of Mount Olivet is not as encouraging, and I deem it my duty to recommend that a Charter be withheld from them at present.

I trust that the Committee on Charters and Dispensations will thoroughly examine the proceedings of all Commanderies under Dispensation before recommending any for Charters.

At the suggestion of Right Eminent Sir J. M. Worrell, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, I have appointed and commissioned Sir A. G. Hodges, of Frankfort, as Representative of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.

I have also appointed and commissioned Eminent Sir John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, as representative of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Commandery of Vermont. I ask that these appointments be confirmed.

I have also to acknowledge the honor of having received, on the eighth day of March last, my appointment and commission as Representative of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky to this Grand Commandery.

This system of appointing representatives from one Grand Commandery to another has been most happily alluded to by some of my predecessors. I will, therefore, content myself with the remark that I most heartily concur with all they have said in its praise.

There have been some questions on Templar jurisprudence referred to me, the most important of which I will state:

A Companion who received all his degrees in Europe, and is affiliated with one of our Chapters, claims, also, to have received the Commandery orders there; has

passed a good examination on the orders of the Temple and Malta, but knows nothing of the Red Cross. Question: How can this Knight affiliate here?

Now, before this question was asked me, I was aware that the order of Red Cross was not conferred in European jurisdictions, which fact would account for the ignorance of the Sir Knight upon that order. Deeming this a matter of great importance, and not wishing to trust to my own judgment, I decided to inquire of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir William Sewall Gardner. Accordingly, in a letter, dated March 1, I fully stated the case to him. I due time I received a reply, which, after referring to the question asked, reads as follows:

"This Knight stands precisely as our Fraters do across the border in Canada. Although recently, to enable them to visit in our Commanderies, the Red Cross has been conferred as a side Order, although not in their series. It seems to me that the proper course to be followed would be to require such Knights to petition for the order of Red Cross. This can be given under such rule and regulation as you or your Grand Commandery may direct. It is clear that he cannot be admitted as a visitor to any of the Commanderies until he has been created a Red Cross Knight. As to his not having a demit, I think the ordinary rule should apply, as in the Chapter and Blue Lodge. If he has no demit in regular form, he should prove, to the satisfaction of the Commandery with which he seeks to affiliate, not only that he is a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, but that he is not a member of any Encampment or Commandery; and if he has ever been such member, he has been regularly discharged."

Following the directions of the Most Eminent Grand Master, I answered the question in the following language: The order of Red Cross not being conferred in European jurisdictions, it follows that a Sir Knight who received the orders there cannot visit a Commandery here. But if such Knight desires to affiliate here he must first prove, to the satisfaction of the Commandery with which he wishes to unite, that he has received the Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, in a just and lawful manner, and that he does not belong to any Commandery, but has been regularly discharged. When these conditions have been complied with he can petition for the Red Cross and for membership, when, if elected, he can be created a Red Cross Knight in the usual form, the obligation of a Knight Templar being also administered; after which, on signing the constitution and by-laws, he becomes a member of the Commandery. Of course the regular fees for the Red Cross and for membership should be collected. This course, in my judgment, meets all the requirements of the Most Eminent Grand Master, but this Grand Body will take such action in the matter as is thought proper.

On the fifth day of May I received a communication from Eminent Sir Knight Brower, Commander of Apollo, No. 1, stating that a Sir Knight, hailing from Ireland, had made application to visit his Commandery, and wished to know if he could be admitted as a visitor, provided he could prove himself to be a member of the Order. Referring to the decision of the Grand Master, received a short time previous, I found that he affirms that such Sir Knight (meaning one who had not received the order of Red Cross) cannot be admitted as a visitor to our Commanderies. Thinking this decisive, I so informed Sir Knight Brower. This is

a subject of great importance, and I ask this Grand Body to give it their attention, and adopt some rule whereby we can be governed in the future.

I have been asked if non-affiliation in the Blue Lodge or Chapter is sufficient cause for refusing to receive an application for the orders. My answer was that I knew of no provision of the Grand Encampment of the United States, or of this Grand Commandery, on the subject; and while it was desirable that an applicant should belong to both Lodge and Chapter, I could not decide that his application should be refused, if he was not such member for the time being.

Copies of these decisions will be found on pages 233, 235, and 240, of the Grand Commander's letter book. Many other questions have been asked me, and I have given answers according to my best judgment; but all except those reported are of minor importance, or have been decided at previous meetings of this Grand Body.

It will be remembered that, at the last annual Conclave, Eminent Sir T. T. Gurney offered the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas, There appears in the printed proceedings of the Grand Encampment, for 1862, the following decision by Grand Master French, viz.: 'After a clear ballot for a candidate, nothing, except direct and undoubted testimony of unworthiness, can interfere to prevent the conferring of the orders. No mere notice, without full statement of the reasons for giving it, should be regarded as of any weight.' If any Sir Knight states, in open Commandery, that he has reasons to give why a candidate who has passed the ordeal of the ballot should not be created a Sir Knight, these reasons must be received and duly weighed, Therefore,

"Resolved, That the same be referred to Grand Master Sir William Sewall Gardner, for his opinion."

Agreeably to the above resolution, the opinion of the Most Eminent Grand Master was obtained, and printed with the proceedings of last year, as you are all aware.

A few weeks since I received the following communication from the Grand Master, which will explain itself:

BOSTON, September 17, 1870.

R. E. SIR CHARLES EDWARDS MUNGER,

Grand Commander of Templars in Illinois:

MY DEAR SIR AND R. E. FRATER—While the proceedings of the last Conclave of your Grand Commandery were in course of publication, I received a communication from E. Sir James H. Miles, your Grand Recorder, asking my opinion upon the decision of Past Grand Master French, relating to the right of a Knight to object to the Orders being conferred upon a candidate, after he had been accepted by a clear ballot.

It was represented to me that my reply was intended to be published with the proceedings, and that the printing would be delayed for my answer. Accordingly, I wrote, in great haste, the communication which was printed in the Appendix to the Proceedings of your Grand Commandery for 1869.

In a few days after my letter was sent, it occurred to me that this whole matter

had been decided by Past Grand Master Henry L. Palmer, and that the Grand Encampment had confirmed his decision. Upon examination, I found such to be the case.

I regret exceedingly that, through haste, I was induced to give an opinion antagonistic to ~~that~~ of my learned predecessor, and contrary to the established law of the Grand Encampment.

Among the decisions of Past Grand Master Palmer, stands the following:

"A Knight Templar, in good standing, has the right to object to conferring the Order of Knighthood upon a Companion R. A. Mason, in his Commandery, after such Companion has been balloted for and declared elected; and this, whether the objecting Sir Knight was present at the time of balloting or not; and when such objection is made in open Commandery, verbally, or by a formal communication thereto in writing, the E. Commander is not authorized to proceed and confer the orders upon the candidate. The Sir Knight making the objection cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor."

This decision the Grand Encampment, at its session held in St. Louis, in September, 1869, approved and confirmed, and it is now a part of Templar law in the United States.

Whatever may be our private opinion, it is our bounden duty to recognize this decision as paramount law, and to support and maintain it.

I deem it my duty to apologize to you for the mistaken opinion sent you, and I would request that you will consider it as "*coram non judice*."

With knightly courtesy,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,

Grand Master.

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Your attention has been called to the subject of an annual parade and review of the Commanderies of the jurisdiction, by some of my predecessors, and I trust you will pardon me for again bringing it to your notice. My attention has been more particularly called to this subject, from having been present at a parade and review of the three Commanderies in this city, in the month of September last. I am confident that all who were present on that occasion will agree with me that the day was not only pleasantly, but profitably spent. Some of our sister jurisdictions have inaugurated this custom, and I know that many before me, to-day, are in favor of some action at this Conclave toward inaugurating the custom in this jurisdiction.

And now, Sir Knights, having given you a full statement of my official acts during the year, I trust you will allow me to briefly allude to a few pleasant visits made by me to some of the Commanderies.

On the evening of January 11, on invitation of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Eminent Sir Charles H. Brower, Commander, Eugene B. Myers, Generalissimo, Frank H. Nichols, Captain General, in company with some of the officers of this Grand Body, I attended a festival of that Commandery, at the Tremont House, in

this city. It would be impossible for me to give a description of this entertainment. Suffice it to say, that your officers were received with the honor due their several stations, and treated throughout with great consideration and courtesy. In fact, it seemed that the Knights of Apollo derived their greatest pleasure in administering to the comfort of their guests.

The festivals of this Commandery have become celebrated, not only in this jurisdiction, but I am confident it is not too much to say that no Commandery in the country has become more famous for its hospitalities than Apollo, No. 1, of Illinois.

About the middle of the same month I informed the Commanders of several Commanderies in the centre of the State, that they might expect an official visit from some of the grand officers. Accordingly, in company with the Grand Prelate and Inspector General, I visited De Molay Commandery, No. 24, at Bloomington, Eminent Sir J. D. Harbert, Commander, on January 24; Elwood, No. 6, at Springfield, Eminent Sir William Lively, Commander, on January 25; Beaumanoir, No. 9, at Decatur, Eminent Sir A. A. Murray, Commander, January 26; Hospitaler, No. 31, at Jacksonville, Eminent Sir Philip G. Gillett, Commander, January 27; Beauseant, No. 11, at Quincy, Eminent Sir Joseph Robbins, Commander, January 28; Galesburg, No. 8, at Galesburg, Eminent Sir Hollis M. Hale, Commander, February 3.

It would involve an unnecessary amount of repetition to give a description of the proceedings at each of these locations. We were received and treated by the officers and Sir Knights of these Commanderies with the utmost courtesy, everything being provided for our comfort that generous hearts could suggest, convincing us that hospitality was indeed a characteristic of our Order. On these occasions, either the Order of the Red Cross or the Order of the Temple, and, in some instances, both orders, were conferred, the Grand Prelate performing the duties of his office with his accustomed ability. A portion of the time was passed in listening to suggestions and receiving instructions from the Inspector General, in relation to tactics and drill. His ability to perform this duty being acknowledged by all, it was exceedingly gratifying to me that his engagements allowed him to be present.

Generally, we found the officers of these Commanderies well posted in the ritual of our Order, and in all we found many Sir Knights thoroughly skilled in tactics and drill.

I shall not attempt to discriminate, only in one instance, and that in the case of the youngest Commandery visited, and because it is the youngest I trust I may be pardoned. I allude to Hospitaler, No. 31, at Jacksonville. This Commandery, at the time of our visit, had been organized scarcely a year, but we found a membership of nearly sixty; their officers well posted in their various duties, and the whole Commandery so conversant with our drill, that I am confident many older organizations could learn much from them; in fact it was a matter of great surprise to us how so much could be accomplished in so short a time. We were led to believe that much of the success of this Commandery was due to the ability and untiring energy of the Commander, Eminent Sir Philip G. Gillett.

It is proper for me to state that, on several occasions during this tour, I issued special Dispensations to receive and act on applications for the Orders other than at stated Conclaves. This course I am aware has been objected to by Sir Knights eminent for their knowledge and ability. I am willing to admit that an indiscriminate use of this power might lead to bad results; but in the cases referred to, I being present, was particular to learn that the applicants were well known, and, supposing the occasion of an official visit would be likely to call out nearly all the members, I judged that no injustice would be done.

Our visit at Galesburg completing the tour originally agreed upon, we returned to our homes, somewhat wearied with our continued labors, but more than ever in love with our noble Order.

Had it been consistent with other engagements, it would have given me great pleasure to have visited each Commandery in the jurisdiction. Indeed, I had planned to make several other visits, but unforeseen circumstances made it impossible for me to do so.

In thus laying before you, Sir Knights, a full account of my official doings, I do it trusting to your kindness to overlook any errors I may have committed.

I entered upon the duties of the responsible position with which you honored me with many misgivings as to my ability to perform them with credit to this Grand Body. The distinguished ability of my predecessors might well make me shrink from accepting the position. If I have fallen below your estimate, the reflection that I have never, directly or indirectly, sought the position, will, in a measure, mitigate my sorrow.

As I am about to deliver up to you the authority with which you invested me one year ago, let me thank you for the uniform kindness with which you have treated me. The Sir Knights of the Commanderies I have visited have received me with marked attention. I doubt not, had it been in my power to have visited every Commandery in the jurisdiction, I should have been received with the same Knightly courtesy; but other engagements prevented my doing this, and I have been compelled to content myself with the few pleasant visits I was able to make.

Now, Sir Knights, as you are about to enter upon the duties of this Conclave, I trust the same dignity and harmony will be maintained that have characterized your former meetings.

Courteously submitted.

CHARLES E. MUNGER,
Grand Commander.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, ILLINOIS;
CHICAGO, *October 22*, A. D. 1870; A. O. 752.

To the Right Eminent Sir CHARLES EDWARDS MUNGER, Grand Commander of Knights Templar, State of Illinois :

I have the honor to submit the following report of my official duties during the past Templar year :

I deem it unnecessary to report, in detail, my official visit, in connection with yourself and Eminent Sir and Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, Grand Prelate, to the following Commanderies, as you were personally present ; but I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without adding my own high estimation of the Knightly bearing and prosperous condition of De Molay, No. 24, of Bloomington ; of Elwood, No. 6, of Springfield ; of Beaumanoir, No. 9, of Decatur ; of Hospitaler, No. 31, of Jacksonville, and of Beauseant, No. 11, of Quincy. They stand "first among their equals."

As soon as practicable after you issued Dispensation to St. Bernard Commandery, North Chicago, I visited that Commandery officially, in accordance with your instructions. On several occasions I assisted the officers in conferring the orders. Through my personal efforts they have acquired the new work and ritual of the Grand Commandery, and I am pleased to state that St. Bernard Commandery is fully equipped, occupying an elegant asylum, and other suitable apartments, and provided with all the necessary paraphernalia for conferring the Orders of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, of the Order of St. John, of Jerusalem, in a manner not only with credit to itself, but to reflect dignity upon the Grand Commandery which issued its Dispensation.

On the 21st instant I visited Mount Olivet Commandery, U. D., at Paxton, officially, and fitted up their apartments with such paraphernalia as they possessed, and set it to work upon the Orders. I was surprised to learn that the occasion of my visit was its first attempt at work upon any of the Orders of Knighthood, and it becomes my duty to state, that, although considerable interest was manifested by those nominated in the Dispensation, and an eagerness to learn, and perform their several duties, still they were unable to confer the Orders. There were present, representatives from Urbana Commandery, No. 16 ; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 33, and St. Paul Commandery U. D., of Fairbury, and to these valiant Sir Knights I looked for assistance, and was enabled to confer the Order of Knights of the Red Cross upon *six* candidates, and to create and dub, as Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, of the Order of St. John, of Jerusalem, *three* of the same candidates. Under the regulations of the Grand Commandery (see *Resolution*, No. 13, 1868), the Commandery that recommends the petition for Dispensation to erect a new one, stands in the light of a god-father, as it were, and becomes responsible to the Grand Commandery for the acts and condition of the Commandery so recommended by it, and it then becomes the duty of the Commandery so recommending

to instruct the appointed officers of the new Commandery in the work and ritual, and to know that they transact their business in regular manner. I am, therefore, under the necessity of suggesting that the Dispensation issued to Mount Olivet Commandery, at Paxton, be continued.

I take this occasion to offer my acknowledgments to the Sir Knights of all the Commanderies of Illinois, that I have visited in my official capacity, for the generous hospitality and Knightly courtesies shown me, and I rejoice to report that peace and prosperity shine like a brilliant meteor upon the banners of our beloved Order.

Courteously submitted.

CHARLES HOMAN BROWER,

Inspector General.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, that the following Grand Officers and Representatives are entitled to seats in this Grand Conclave, viz. :

GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger.....	Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir John M. Pearson.....	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir Wiley M. Egan.....	Grand Generalissimo.
“ Daniel Dustin.....	Grand Captain General.
Rev. “ Charles A. Gilbert.....	Grand Prelate.
“ James A. Hawley.....	Grand Senior Warden.
“ Hiram W. Hubbard.....	Grand Junior Warden.
“ Robert H. Foss.....	Grand Treasurer.
“ James H. Miles.....	Grand Recorder.
“ Theodore T. Gurney.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
“ Louis H. Jorgensen.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
“ Asa W. Blakesley.....	Grand Warden.
“ Lockwood K. Osborn.....	Grand Capt'n of the Guards.
“ Charles H. Brower.....	Inspector General.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Nathan F. Prentice.....	P. G. Commander.
R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	P. G. Commander.
E. Sir Andrew J. Dunning.....	P. Generalissimo.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES.

- R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, for Ohio, Missouri, Tennessee and Georgia.
 E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds, for New York and Pennsylvania.
 E. Sir James H. Miles, for Vermont.

PAST COMMANDERS.

- E. Sir Benjamin F. Patrick.....Apollo, No. 1.
 " Vincent L. Hurlbut.....Apollo, No. 1.
 " Theodore T. Gurney.....Apollo, No. 1.
 " Charles E. Munger.....Joliet, No. 4.
 " William S. BrooksJoliet, No. 4.
 " William Lavery.....Elwood, No. 6
 " Harman G. Reynolds.....Elwood, No. 6.
 " Andrew J. Dunning.....Elwood, No. 6.
 " Rheuna D. Lawrence.....Elwood, No. 6.
 " Asa W. Blakesley.....Beauseant, No. 11.
 " Jonathan E. Forrester.....Aurora, No. 22.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Apollo, No. 1.—E. B. Myers, proxy for Commander, G. R. Smith, proxy for Generalissimo; F. H. Nichols, Captain General.

Belvidere, No. 2.—Robert B. Smith, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Peoria, No. 3.—Wm. Rounseville, Commander; Louis Faust, proxy for Generalissimo; James D. Strickler, Captain General.

Joliet, No. 4.—S. C. Stearns, proxy for Commander; W. A. Steel, Generalissimo; L. P. Sanger, proxy for Captain General.

Blaney, No. 5.—Charles H. Goold, Generalissimo.

Elwood, No. 6.—Dwight Brown, proxy for Commander; E. E. Myers, proxy for Generalissimo; R. D. Lawrence, proxy for Captain General.

Freeport, No. 7.—N. F. Prentice, Commander; L. L. Munn, proxy for Generalissimo; C. L. Currier, proxy for Captain General.

Galesburg, No. 8.—H. M. Hale, Commander; J. P. Weston, Generalissimo; A. S. Converse, proxy for Captain General.

Beaumont, No. 9.—A. A. Murray, Commander.

Ottawa, No. 10.—J. F. Nash, Commander; G. J. Burgess, Generalissimo; E. H. Smith, Captain General.

Beauseant, No. 11.—Joseph Robbins, Commander, and proxy for Captain General.

Waukegan, No. 12.—W. A. Johnson, Commander, and proxy for Captain General; Daniel Brewster, Generalissimo.

Cairo, No. 13.—Charles H. Foote, Commander.

Gorin, No. 14.—G. D. Slanker, Generalissimo, and proxy for Commander and Captain General.

Sycamore, No. 15.—A. W. Sawyer, Commander.

Urbana, No. 16.—F. G. Jaques, Commander.

Crusader, No. 17.—J. R. Porter, Commander.

Everts, No. 18.—J. Silas Leas, Commander.

Chicago, No. 19.—Geo. H. Gibson, Commander, and proxy for Captain General; Chas. McFarland, Generalissimo.

Temple, No. 20.—William Bacon, proxy for Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General.

Dixon, No. 21.—W. A. Levanway, Commander; S. L. Myers, Captain General.

Aurora, No. 22.—James Walker, Commander; A. R. Bartlett, Generalissimo.

Cyrene, No. 23.—W. S. Pease, Generalissimo and proxy for Commander and Captain General.

De Molay, No. 24.—J. D. Harbert, Commander and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Calvary, No. 25.—James Northrop, Commander.

St. John, No. 26.—R. C. Hattenhauer, Generalissimo.

Palestine, No. 27.—Jeremiah Curl, Commander.

Bethany, No. 28.—George Emerson, Commander.

Hugh de Payens, No. 29.—H. G. Withers, Commander; J. A. Locke, proxy for Generalissimo.

St. Omer, No. 30.—G. M. Raymond, Commander and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Hospitaller, No. 31.—P. G. Gillett, Commander; C. M. Morse, Generalissimo; C. W. McLean, Captain General.

Almoner, No. 32.—H. G. Dearborn, Commander and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Ivanhoe, No. 33.—T. P. Bonfield, Commander; H. C. Clarke, Captain General.

All of which is courteously submitted.

GEO. H. GIBSON,	} Committee.
A. W. SAWYER,	
J. D. HARBERT,	

E. Sir T. T. Gurney presented a resolution in regard to the uniform of a Knights Templar, when, a substitute being offered by E. Sir C. H. Brower, on motion, the further consideration of the subject was laid over until afternoon, to give time for consultation.

E. Sir J. F. Nash presented the following resolution, and moved its reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, By this Grand Commandery, that any subordinate Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction that shall have neglected or refused, for any cause whatever, to confer the Orders of Knighthood for two years last past, or which shall so neglect or refuse to confer the Orders at any time hereafter, for the space of two years, shall surrender their Charter; and it shall be the duty of the R. E. Grand Commander to see that this resolution is duly executed.

The Grand Commandery was then called off until 2 o'clock, P. M.

OCTOBER 25, 2 o'clock, P.M.

The R. E. Grand Commandery was called to labor. Officers and Representatives present, as in the morning.

The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander presented the following report:

REPORT OF V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois:

Sir Knights—During the past year I have been called upon for no exercise of my official duties, except in constituting Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, at Jacksonville, which duty was performed on the 12th day of December, 1869, and E. Sir Philip G. Gillett duly installed as Commander; Sir Charles M. Morse as Generalissimo; Sir Calvin W. McLean as Captain General.

The Commandery I found to be in excellent condition, and well equipped to do their work. I feel sure that Christian Masonry is safe in their hands. I also wish to acknowledge my appreciation of their generous hospitality while discharging my duty.

Courteously submitted.

JOHN M. PEARSON,
Deputy Grand Commander.

E. Sir Philip G. Gillett presented the following resolution, and moved its reference to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Commandery, no new subordinate Commandery should hereafter be constituted nearer to one already existing than forty miles: except in case of cities numbering more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, and

Resolved, further, That, in the sense of this Grand Commandery, no Charters should hereafter be granted to subordinate Commanderies, unless satisfactory evidence is given this Grand Commandery that the said new Commandery will be able to well fit up and arrange their respective asylums.

Subsequently, the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report upon the above resolutions, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois:

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by E. Sir Philip G. Gillett, would respectfully report:

That, in their opinion, the adoption of the first resolution might result in much injustice and hardship to various localities, and your Committee recommend that the resolution be laid upon the table.

Your committee deem the second resolution unnecessary, and as restricting the exercise of the discretion of the Grand Commander, and, therefore, recommend that its further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

Courteously submitted.

N. F. PRENTICE,
V. L. HURLBUT,
H. G. REYNOLDS, } *Committee.*

E. Sirs Theodore T. Gurney and Charles H. Brower submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

Whereas, There exists in this Grand Jurisdiction a diversity of opinion in regard to the details of a Knights Templar uniform, as prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and

Whereas, In consequence thereof, the uniforms of the Commanderies of this State vary in many important particulars; therefore,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be now appointed to ascertain whether the Sir Knights of subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction are properly equipped, and, if not so equipped, to report, at the next annual Conclave of this Grand Body—or sooner, if directed—a uniform for subordinate Commanderies, which shall conform to that adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed, as the Committee on Templar Uniform, E. Sirs Theodore T. Gurney, Charles H. Brower and Edward H. Smith.

E. Sir William Rounseville, from the Committee appointed at the last annual Conclave to examine into the matter of Blaney Commandery, No. 5, at Morris, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee, appointed at the last annual Conclave of this Grand Body, to examine into and report on the condition of Blaney Commandery, No. 5, would report :

That Blaney Commandery has been in an inactive condition for several years; but during the past year it has conferred the Order of the Red Cross on two Companions, and the Order of Knights Templar on one; and your Committee is informed that there is a prospect that considerable work will be presented the coming year.

The dues to the Grand Commandery are paid, or by the Commandery supposed to be paid, and if there is any deficiency in the accounts, the Representative of the Commandery stands ready to make it good.

The Commandery, at a late Conclave, voted, unanimously, to go on with the work, if allowed to retain their Charter.

In view of these facts, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Blaney Commandery, in consideration of the determination expressed by its members to sustain it, be allowed to retain its Charter.

Courteously submitted.

WILLIAM ROUNSEVILLE, } *Committee.*
WILEY M. EGAN,

On motion of E. Sir Loyal L. Munn, the R. E. Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as tellers E. Sirs Loyal L. Munn, Samuel C. Stearns, William S. Pease, and Robert B. Smith.

The ballots having been taken, sorted, and tallied, the following named Sir Knights were declared to be elected to the offices set opposite their respective names.

- R. E. Sir JOHN M. PEARSON, of Godfrey..Grand Commander.
- V. E. Sir WILEY M. EGAN, of Chicago.....Deputy Grand Commander.
- E. Sir DANIEL DUSTIN, of SycamoreGrand Generalissimo.
- “ JAMES A. HAWLEY, of DixonGrand Captain General.
- Rev. “ CHARLES A. GILBERT, of JolietGrand Prelate.
- “ HIRAM W. HUBBARD, of Centralia.....Grand Senior Warden.
- “ THEODORE T. GURNEY, of Chicago...Grand Junior Warden.
- “ ROBERT H. FOSS, of Chicago.....Grand Treasurer.
- “ JAMES H. MILES, of Chicago.....Grand Recorder.
- “ LOUIS H. JORGENSEN, of Cairo.....Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ ASA W. BLAKESLEY, of Quincy.....Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ JOHN F. NASH, of Ottawa.....Grand Warder.
- “ LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN, of Chicago...Grand Capt'n of the Guards,

E. Sir Henry C. Withers, from the Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the recommendations adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, beg leave to report :

That in the brief period allowed them, they have given the address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander what consideration they could, but not such as its excellence and importance demand.

They notice with pleasure that harmony and prosperity prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and that no grievance has been presented during the entire year that is past; and they commend the Christian spirit which is so manifest in every part of the address.

They recommend that so much of the address as relates to new Commanderies, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations; that so much thereof as relates to Sir Knights created in Europe and other foreign jurisdictions, and the conferring upon them of the Order of Red Cross, and also so much thereof as relates to the applications of non-affiliated Masons for the Orders, and the recent decision of Grand Master William Sewall Gardner, be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

Your Committee appreciate the importance of the suggestion of the R. E. Grand Commander, in regard to an annual drill, and would recommend that a day be set apart for that purpose. They recommend that the appointments made by the R. E. Grand Commander, of Sir A. G. Hodges, of Frankfort, Ky., the representative of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, and the Eminent Sir John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Vt., representative of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Commandery of Vermont, be approved and confirmed.

They recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, for the well-merited honor they have conferred upon R. E. Charles E. Munger, in appointing him the representative of the Grand Commandery of that State.

They recommend that so much of the address as relates to the death of Grand Master B. B. French, and the death of Em. Sir P. A. Dorwin, be referred to a Special Committee of three, to prepare and present suitable resolutions for adoption by this Grand Commandery.

All of which is courteously submitted.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT, JOHN F. NASH, HENRY C. WITHERS,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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The Grand Commandery was then called off until 9 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, the 26th inst.

WEDNESDAY, *October 26*, 9 o'clock, A.M.

The R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois was called to labor in form. Prayer by the Rev. and E. Grand Prelate. Officers and representatives in attendance, as on yesterday, with the addition of the following:

E. Sir Charles H. Foote, E. C., Cairo, No. 13; Sir William Bacon, proxy for Com. Gen. and C. G., of Temple No. 20, and R. E. Sir Henry C. Ranney, P. G. Commander.

On motion :

Voted, That the reading of the minutes of yesterday be dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointment of the following Committee on Obituaries :

E. Sir Jonathan E. Forrester, Henry G. Dearborn and J. Silas Leas.

E. Sir Andrew J. Dunning, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made a verbal report that they found no unfinished business requiring the attention of this Grand Conclave.

E. Sir James H. Miles presented his credentials as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, and was received and accredited as said representative.

E. Sir James H. Miles, from the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, made a verbal report that the Committee had not yet completed their report, and asked further time, which was, on motion, granted, and the report ordered to be printed with the proceedings :

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Masonic Correspondence courteously beg leave to report that they have received, and examined as carefully as the time they were able to devote would permit, the Proceedings of the following State Grand Commanderies, and submit the same for your action.

GRAND COMMANDERIES IN CORRESPONDENCE.

STATE.	YEAR.	GR. RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
1. Alabama	1869.....	Edmund M. Hastings	Montgomery.
2. Connecticut	1870.....	Eliphalet G. Storer	New Haven.
3. Georgia	1870.....	Charles R. Armstrong	Macon.
4. Indiana.....	1870.....	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
5. Iowa	1869.....	William B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
6. Kansas	1869.....	Erasmus T. Carr	Leavenworth.
7. Kentucky	1870.....	William C. Munger	Franklin.
8. Maine	1870.....	Ira Berry	Portland.
9. Mass and Rhode Island	1869.....	Alfred F. Chapman.....	Boston.
10. Michigan	1869.....	Oliver Bourke	Detroit.
11. Minnesota	1869.....	George A. Savory.....	Minneapolis.
12. Mississippi	1870.....	J. L. Power	Jackson.
13. Missouri	1869.....	George F. Gouley	St. Louis.
14. New Hampshire	1869.....	Horace Chase	Hopkinton.
15. New Jersey	1870.....	Thomas J. Corson	Trenton.
16. New York	1869.....	Robert Macoy	New York.
17. Ohio	1869.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
18. Pennsylvania	1870.....	Alfred Creigh	Washington.
19. Tennessee	1870.....	John Fritzell	Nashville.
20. Texas	1870.....	Robert Brewster	Houston.
21. Vermont	1870.....	John B. Hollenbeck.....	Burlington.
22. Virginia	1869.....	John Dove	Richmond.
23. Wisconsin	1870.....	William T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

ALABAMA.

The tenth annual Conclave met in the city of Montgomery, on the 2nd day of December, 1869, at 10 o'clock A.M., but for want of a quorum an adjournment was had until 3 o'clock P.M., when the Grand Commandery was opened in Ample Form by R. E. Sir Peleg Brown, Grand Commander. Six Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander in his address, after having acknowledged the gratitude due to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, for his protecting care during the year, proceeds to notice in appropriate language the decease of several worthy and faithful Sir Knights, who had ended their pilgrimage and gone to meet their reward.

The Grand Commander takes ground in his address against the power of the Grand Commander to issue letters of Dispensation during the recess of the Grand Commandery, and that such Dispensations are an innovation. He says: "The view I take of this power is this: Before a body can be legally authorized to do all these things, they should be legally constituted, and before they can be declared legally constituted, the first three officers named in the Dispensation should be regularly installed, and not till then would I consider them properly empowered to work, nor in the true sense of the term, would the acts they do be legal; neither with a strict construction of power could they expect their acts to be recognized by regular Templars."

"By a careful perusal of ancient usages I am satisfied the present mode of granting Dispensations is of modern origin, and cannot look upon it otherwise than an innovation, making a new or altering an old land-mark."

"Therefore, I am clearly of opinion that in all cases, on granting a Dispensation, the power granting the same should be required either in person or by proxy, to constitute, by regularly installing the first three officers named therein."

We had always supposed the granting of Dispensations for the organization of new Commanderies to have existed from the first introduction of Masonry into this country. All the State Grand Commanderies are formed from Commanderies which have received their authority by Dispensation from the proper officer of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and if this be so it can be no innovation. We do not however admit to representation until the Commandery has been properly constituted and the officers installed.

A Charter for a new Commandery at Eufaula was issued, and the General Representative system adopted.

The Grand Commander, in conclusion, says :

"In perusing the proceedings of our sister jurisdictions I have had much pleasure. The kind and courteous feelings that characterize them all, the fraternal allusion to us, and to each other, all tend to show that the Beauseant of our Order is triumphantly waving aloft throughout the land, where all, while influenced by the true teachings of our beloved Order, may find shelter beneath its ample folds, and send up shouts of rejoicing that there is one spot on the earth where all is joy, harmony, and peace."

"There is much in these proceedings I would gladly quote, but I fear I have already detained you too long, and as that duty has been assigned to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the duty properly devolves on them, and from whom I trust you may expect an interesting report."

Owing to the ill health of the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Recorder, who, since the meeting of the Grand Commandery, has been called to the asylum above, no report is published with the proceedings.

Motion to make the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, was rejected.

R. E. Sir Peleg Brown, of Mobile, was re-elected Grand Commander; Sir *Edmund M. Hastings*, of Montgomery, Grand Recorder, and the Grand Officers were installed by R. E. Sir Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Grand Commander of the State of Indiana, and representative of this Grand Commandery near that Grand Body.

Statistics — 9 Commanderies; 249 Members; 42 created.

The eleventh annual Conclave will be held at Mobile, November 17, 1870.

CALIFORNIA.

From some unexplained cause, we have received no news from the Golden State since 1867, although we have written several times to the Gr. Recorder, Sir L. C. Owen.

From the Proceedings of New York, for 1870, we learn that the twelfth annual Conclave was held at San Francisco, April 11, 1870, R. E. Sir Wm. F. Knox, Grand Commander, and eight Commanderies represented.

One charter granted.

R. E. Sir Charles Louis Wiggin was elected Grand Commander, E. Sir Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Recorder.

We hope to place ourselves in communication with this Grand Commandery ere another year rolls around.

CONNECTICUT.

Annual Conclave held at Middletown, March 15, 1870, R. E. Sir Amos S. Treat, Grand Commander. Nine Commanderies represented.

From the short and local address of the Grand Commander, we learn "that peace and harmony reign within their asylums, and that prosperity has abounded within their gates."

We also learn from the address, of the success of the Field Encampment of the 6th of October, 1869, of which he says: "The day was delightful, and all seemed pleased with our success. If all our Sir Knights knew of the pleasure and profit of thus meeting together, our ranks would be fuller." The Grand Commander further says:

"I have never learned why the G. C. G. did not appear, in obedience to my order, as he has never made any excuse. All the other Grand Officers were present, or furnished an acceptable excuse for their absence. None of the Officers or Sir Knights of Clinton Commandery, No. 3, reported for duty, and none of them have offered any excuse for their disobedience and violation of their obligation and duty as Knights Templar. All the other Commanderies reported in goodly numbers."

Field Encampments may be both pleasant and profitable, but we doubt the propriety of making them compulsory.

The Grand Representative system was adopted, and an interchange of representatives made with several State Grand Commanderies.

The By-Laws were so amended as to make it obligatory for Representatives to appear in full fatigue dress, with the jewel of their office.

This Grand Commandery still requires the possession of the Royal and Select Master's degrees, as a pre-requisite for the orders of Knighthood.

Sir Knight E. G. Storer again presents the Report on Masonic Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-two Grand Commanderies, among them Illinois, for 1869.

R. E. Sir P. St. M. Andrews, of Norwich, was elected Grand Commander, Sir E. G. Storer, Grand Recorder.

Statistics—9 Commanderies—no statistical table. The next annual Conclave will be held at Meriden, March 21, 1871.

GEORGIA.

The ninth annual Conclave was held at Macon, May 25, 1870, R. E. Sir Thomas W. Chandler, Grand Commander. Seven Commanderies represented.

After the formal opening, the Grand Commander, escorted by the several subordinate Commanders, proceeded to church, where the Public Liturgy of the Order was performed, and a learned, eloquent, and instructive address delivered by the Grand Prelate, Rev. David Wills.

The address of the Grand Commander opens with a Knightly mention of the

death of V. E. Sir Wm. S. Rockwell, P. D. G. C., who died at Abingdon, Maryland, January 22.

The Grand Commander had, during the year, appointed representatives near the several Grand Commanderies in the United States, with the exception of Massachusetts.

During the year he had made the following decision, which we believe to be the law :

"I have been called on for one decision during the past year. In February last, St Aldemar Commandery, No. 3, through their Recorder, asked the following question: 'What action is necessary to expel a member after the reception of official notice of expulsion, for gross unmasonic conduct, by a Blue Lodge?' I ruled that a Commandery having '*official notice*' of the expulsion by a Blue Lodge of a member thereof, (by '*official notice*,' meaning notice of such expulsion under the *seal* of the Lodge expelling said member; or the evidence of a Sir Knight who was present in the Lodge at the time the sentence of expulsion was pronounced), the Eminent Commander should order the Recorder to strike from the roll of the Commandery the Sir Knight so expelled by his Lodge, and record the reason for such action."

On retiring from the office of Grand Commander, he presents the jewel he had designed and worn as Grand Commander, together with his private seal, to be used by his successor.

The Committee appointed to prepare a system of tactics and drill, recommended the use of the Templar's Manual, as prepared by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, until the next meeting of the Grand Commandery.

A Charter was granted for a Commandery at Albany, by the name of Tancred, No. 8.

Among the resolutions adopted we find, for the appointment of a Historiographer; to limit the office of Grand Commander to two years; for the procuring of a suitable jewel to present to the retiring Grand Commander; and that at each and every Conclave of each subordinate Commandery, the roll shall be called and a record of the attendance kept, and forwarded to the Grand Commandery with the annual returns.

The Committee on Correspondence made a partial report, and asked time for completion, which was extended to such length that it does not appear in the printed proceedings.

It was further resolved by the Grand Commandery that the next annual Conclave be held at Atlanta, May 24, 1871, at which time there should be a public parade for inspection and drill, at which all the subordinate Commanderies were ordered to be present in full uniform.

R. E. Sir George Smith Obear, of Macon, was elected Grand Commander, Sir Charles R. Armstrong, of Macon, Grand Recorder.

Statistics—7 Commanderies; 316 members; 48 created.

INDIANA.

The sixteenth annual Conclave was held in the City of Indianapolis, April 5, 1870. R. E. Sir Thomas Newby, Grand Commander.

Nineteen Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander opens with kindly mention of the Knightly dead, amongst which we find Sir Knight F. M. Blair, formerly Grand Master of our own State.

As to the evidence of the peace and prosperity prevailing throughout the jurisdiction during the past year, he says :

"I have the pleasure of informing you that no complaint has been made to me, and no question of jurisprudence propounded of sufficient importance to report, as the same has been answered by reference to our laws."

The Grand Commander calls attention to the propriety of recognizing some field drill, or tactics, for the government of her subordinates; recommends that more attention be paid to the ritual in the opening ceremonies of the Order, and some regulations to govern subordinates, in regard to uniform, be established.

In conclusion, he thus cautions them in regard to their daily walk and practice :

"In sundering my official relations with you, and in addressing you for the last time from this East, allow me to remind you of the high and holy duties we have assumed, and the sacred vows we have voluntarily taken upon our lives. Do we remember them in our 'daily walk and practice?' Let each one of us put the question to his own conscience and determine it.

"We number in this land an array of *thirty thousand*, who have the name and profess the principles of Christian Knights. If each one of us should carry out those principles in his daily walk and conversation, what an immense influence for good would spread throughout the community! Nay, if each one of us should live by those principles, so far as weak, erring humanity may do it, the happy effect upon the world cannot be estimated; and even if we should never willfully violate any of those principles, we should be a power for good that would stand forth challenging respect and admiration. But if, while ranging ourselves under the Banner of the Cross, we are guilty of profanity, intemperance, evil speaking, and the kindred vices, do we not add to our sin the sin of hypocrisy?

"Are we not inclined to forget that our meetings are not merely for convivial purposes, or displaying our regalia, or exhibiting our military discipline? Our mission is a higher and nobler one, and our influence should extend wider and wider, and its effects not cease to be felt while earth shall endure. Let us, therefore, each act our part, that when we lay by our Knightly armor for the last time, we shall be sustained and soothed by a consciousness of this life's duties well performed, and the confident hope of another life.

"The life that knows no ending,
But lasteth evermore."

Sir Knight Wm. Hacker, from the Committee on tactics, drill and uniform, reported the following, which was adopted by one dissenting vote :

"We therefore recommend for adoption by our subordinates the tactics and drill as published in the Templar's Manual, as published by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, in 1868.

"And believing it to be the duty of all Sir Knights to equip themselves according to the regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as adopted and published in 1862, we recommend that the officers of the several Commanderies of this jurisdiction use their influence to have the members of their respective Commanderies equip themselves in full at their earliest convenience."

The Report on Correspondence was presented by the Grand Commander, in which he reviews, in an able and genial manner, the transactions of nineteen Grand Commanderies. Our own, for 1869, receives courteous mention.

We insert the opening and concluding remarks:

"To be, or not to be," that is the question, whether 'tis 'a better, easier, and happier position to be *one* of a trio of Committee on Foreign Correspondence assigned the pleasant duty of reading the voluminous proceedings of sister Grand Bodies, and marking interesting passages for the Chairman to copy out in full, digest and criticise, or to be a *whole committee, per se*, oversee a Grand Body one solar cycle, and at the end of the time have ready to hand a "well written" review, penned in "his peculiarly genial manner," giving "courteous attention" to all, and a "copious citation" of the wisdom of the several valiant and magnanimous pen-wielders of this mighty confederacy of K. T.'s. Having experienced the first, and made an unsuccessful attempt at the latter, we are prepared, were the choice given us, to fall back in the ranks as high private, aware that it is easier to follow than to lead."

In conclusion:

"And now, Sir Fraters, Knights of the Quill Correspondential, comes that hardest of words to say—Farewell! We have tried, to the best of our ability, and as far as time and opportunity would permit, to be one *among* your number, if not *of* you. Whether we have proved a true Bohemian, 'tis for you to judge. Having passed our full years a pilgrim in these literary fields, we crave permission here to rest, and laying aside our jewel, *scrip*, and gavel, assume the honors that await a P. G. C., and at the foot of our departed throne, spend the remaining years of our earthly pilgrimage seeking and learning wisdom from the Gamaliels past, present, and to come. Farewell!"

R. E. Sir David P. Whedon, of Ft. Wayne, was elected Grand Commander;
E. Sir John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

Statistics—19 Commanderies; 918 Members; 205 created.

Next annual Conclave will be held at Indianapolis, April 4, 1871.

IOWA.

The sixth annual Conclave was held at Mt. Pleasant, October 19, 1869. R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk, Grand Commander; E. Sir William Langridge, Grand Recorder. Eleven Chartered and three Commanderies U. D. represented.

From the business-like address of the Grand Commander, we learn that har-

mony and Knightly prosperity dwell within her borders. Four Dispensations for new Commanderies issued during the year; The Grand Representative system recognized; the Templars' Manual, as adopted by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, recommended. The Grand Commander thus cautions as regards the formation of new Commanderies, and the admission of members:

"We now number fifteen Commanderies and five hundred and seventy-nine Sir Knights, and the Order, not only in our own State, but all over the United States, is rapidly increasing. It must exert a great influence in tempering and directing the hearts and minds of its members. Better a few strong Commanderies than many weak ones. We should be careful in issuing Dispensations for new Commanderies, and especially know that the Eminent Commander appointed is capable of filling that position. All depends upon him, and unless he is energetic and well informed, the Commandery is sure to languish and decay. I do not think that applications should be entertained, except at places large enough to support the Commandery. In some places it is difficult to hold a meeting because Sir Knights live at a distance, and cannot attend on account of distance, business, weather, transportation, or some other cause.

"Then too, we should be careful about whom we admit to the honors of Knighthood. We should guard well the entrance to our asylums, and see that none enter but good men and true—men of unsullied honor and high and noble principles. We should pay great attention to that inner temple, 'that house not made with hands.' It is the heart and not the man that should govern our judgment.

"Many Sir Knights think that after they are dubbed, all they have to do is to buy a suit of regalia, and that is the end of it. This is not the fact. These brilliant trappings are but the insignia of our Order, and should inculcate in the hearts of all of us the precepts taught us in our initiation. They also tend to keep alive in us those divine teachings of our blessed Immanuel, and should ever animate us to the discharge of our solemn obligations."

He makes the following, among several decisions:

"At our banquets, it is not essential to use wine. As it has been generally used from time immemorial, for such purposes, I see no objection to it. That, however, is a matter of taste, left to the decision of the different Commanderies, as there is nothing in our rules or regulations making it obligatory."

The Grand Commander says he was a participant in the fiftieth semi-centennial anniversary of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, of Philadelphia, which, taken altogether, he says: "was a most splendid affair, worthy of the day it celebrated, and will long be remembered as an event in Templar Masonry in this country;" and thus relates an important occurrence:

"There had never existed any cordiality or good feeling between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and our Order, nor have they ever recognized us in any way. On this occasion, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard Vaux, 'set aside the traditional policy of his Grand Lodge, for the first time in its history, and welcomed us,' in two speeches, at the Horticultural Hall and the Academy of Music; and not only that, but he and several of his Grand Officers marched with us in the procession. It certainly is a glorious cause for rejoicing, and will ever remain an important and interesting feature of that occasion."

The Grand Commander is opposed to the attitude of the Grand Commandery of Missouri toward the A. and A. S. Rite, and enters his protest, which we do most heartily endorse :

"There is nothing in our Order or the Scottish Rite that should cause any disagreement or clashing. Both are separate organizations, and entirely independent of each other, and some of the wisest and most distinguished Masons of this country are members of both Orders. The great attributes of charity, mercy and toleration, are particularly inculcated in our Order. Let not bigotry, hatred or intolerance, raise their heads to mar the peace which should reign supreme in our Grand Bodies ; and let not private piques or resentments govern us in our deliberations and judgments."

This Grand Commandery admits as representatives, with full power, the representatives of Commanderies Chartered at this Conclave, a very doubtful procedure, unless for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Grand Commandery.

The installation of the Grand Officers was made in public, after which the Grand Orator delivered a polished oration, the beauty of which we are compelled to mar, by giving only the concluding passages :

"While organizations perish, grand ideas, noble conceptions of human duty, survive forever. They are the spiritual food that nourishes and elevates the world from age to age. The life that is buried in the perishing seed which once contained it, spurns the decaying organization which no longer ministers to it, and springs up again in new forms of beauty. The old knighthood was buried beneath the advances of modern society. But its exalted truths, which constitute its real life, were imperishable. They found a congenial home in the hearts of Freemasons who desired a closer allegiance to the new Dispensation ; to the unselfish Christian faith. While they retain a perfect fidelity to the ancient fraternity, the theory of Masonic Knighthood yet further opens and expands their nature, under the glowing radiance of a risen Lord, and the tradition of many deeds of glorious and victorious courage performed in His name. They aspire to a more generous development, to unselfish labor, to *work without wages*, to those deeds which, by their exaltation above the level of common honesty and more fraternal obligation, become illustrious as deeds of honor. These are the deeds which must constitute the chivalry of our age. No longer is the Knight clothed in chain of steel, with crested helmet on his brow, and pointed lance in hand. No longer does he journey from place to place, offering the gage of his life for fair lady, or oppressed orphan. He fights his first battle with himself, conquering the wild realm of passion and selfish desire within his own breast. As he views his own frailty and errors, and contrasts them with the exalted possibilities of the future world, he finds himself a *pilgrim penitent*, until he has subdued himself in the presence of those higher aspirations. As his mastery here becomes established, he looks out upon a world still full of tyrannies, and wrongs, and deceits, and against those he resolves to wage constant battle as a *pilgrim warrior*. This done, he contemplates the valley of the shadow of death, through which his pilgrim steps must pass, after which he shall sit down with the Templar Knights who have also fought the good fight, and kept the faith.

"Into this order of chivalry you, Sir Knights, have entered. Let us draw our lives ever closer to its true theory. Dispensing hospitality according to the measure of our ability; manifesting to each other, and to all the world, a Knightly courtesy; resolute with unfaltering courage against the wrongs that afflict mankind; loving to friends, and generous to yielding foes; patient in adversity, and liberal in prosperity; in all things supporting the Christian church-militant; let us illustrate the faith we are bound to protect by the virtues it demands in our lives. Then will the Guardian Angel continue to work our bark on the 'Voyage of Life' against the drifting stream, until the dim tracings of that majestic Temple now in the far distance, shall prove to be for us the bright portals of an everduring Paradise."

The Report on Correspondence is from the genial pen of our esteemed friend and Sir Knight, E. A. Guilbert, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty Grand Commanderies; Illinois, for 1868, among the number, and receives Knightly mention. Sir Knight Guilbert has not yet laid down the "scarifier."

In conclusion, he says:

"Again my brief reportorial career has been begun, continued, and is now ended, having made as much out of what I had before me as could be well done during the brief intervals I have had at my command within the past eighteen days, I have once more prepared a candid review, and now send it on its way rejoicing. It has been a pleasant labor, and I trust a not unprofitable one. Langridge's end of the plank on which he and I see-saw, is once more *up*, and so he will have committed to him the duty of answering whomsoever may dissent from what his successor or predecessor may have said. I part from the friends, whose disquisitions I have been so pleasantly employed in examining, with regret, and hope to meet them again, if not on earth, at least in that upper and better country, where partings are no more; though whether Corson, and some others, will ever get *there* is a matter of painful doubt with me!"

R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk, was re-elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Recorder.

Iowa has 14 Commanderies; 570 Members; 68 created.

Next annual Conclave held at Clinton, October 18, 1870.

KANSAS.

The first annual Conclave was held at Leavenworth, October 18, 1869. R. E. Sir William O. Gould, Grand Commander. Three Commanderies represented. This being the first Conclave since the organization, the Grand Commander cautions the members of the Grand Body to "examine all of their acts critically in laying the foundations of this structure, to see that they conform with the ancient landmarks, and that our ritual should be perfect and made uniform throughout our jurisdiction; also the drill, which has become so prominent a feature in the exercises of our Order, should receive careful attention, that we may inaugurate a system which may conform as closely as possible with that in most general use throughout the country."

One Dispensation issued for a Commandery at Topeka, to which a Charter was granted. The Grand Representative system approved, and the following resolution adopted:

“Resolved, That when a constitutional number of Sir Knights petition for a Dispensation to form a new Commandery, the proposed Eminent Commander, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, be required to appear in open Commandery; and pass examination, and exhibit sufficient proficiency in the work and lectures of the different Orders of Knighthood, as also the tactics and drill, before receiving the proper recommendation of the nearest Commandery, to the end that efficiency and uniformity may be secured, and a higher standard attained in our magnanimous Order.”

Sir John H. Brown presents a good Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of nine Commanderies—Illinois, for 1868, among the number.

R. E. Sir William O. Gould, re-elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Erasmus T. Carr, Grand Recorder; both of Leavenworth.

Kansas has 5 Commanderies; 113 Members; 12 created.

KENTUCKY.

The twenty-third annual Conclave was held at Louisville, June 9, 1870, R. E. Sir John M. Worrell, Grand Commander. Eleven Commanderies represented.

From the address of the Grand Commander we learn that peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevail through the entire jurisdiction. Owing to pressing duties, he was unable to visit any of his subordinates during the year, which he thinks almost indispensable to the rapid and healthful growth of the Order. He suggests—

“1st, That at each regular meeting of the Grand Commandery, one evening be devoted to a careful exemplification of the work in both Orders by the Grand Officers, or persons chosen by the Grand Commander for that duty. And that at those meetings any Sir Knight present may be at liberty to propose questions, or ask for more explicit instructions, during any part of the work.”

“2nd, That it be the duty of the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Generalissimo to assist the Grand Commander in the work of visiting and instructing the subordinate Commanderies. And that this may be done effectively, it be the duty of the Grand Commander, as early as convenient after the meeting of the Grand Commandery, to district the State, and indicate what Commanderies he wishes the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Generalissimo to visit, and that it shall be the duty of these last named officers to make a report each year to the Grand Commandery of their work in this regard.”

In conclusion he says:

“I have only to urge, in conclusion, that all our subordinate Commanderies strive to give efficiency and power to their work, by carefully and earnestly impressing the great lessons of the Order on all that come within their asylums. I

do not mean simply to acquire the language of the Ritual, but to grasp its meaning and impress its spirit. To constitute 'a bright' or good working Knight Templar, requires great familiarity with the verbiage of the Ritual; but to constitute an intelligent and efficient Knight of these Orders requires more than a mere knowledge of the forms and words. It demands that he shall grasp their full and powerful import; that he shall drink into their very spirit, and that his life and character shall be deeply and permanently effected by the sublime teaching. He will not only grasp his sword with a skillful hand to wield it in the exercise of the work; but he will take hold of it with thoughts of Faith, Hope, and Charity, and with higher purposes of Justice, Fortitude, and Mercy. When he wields it in the mystic strokes of the Asylum, he will rise in thought to the more noble use to which he is to put it in the defence of injured innocence, oppressed virtue, and the noble cause of our glorious religion. The true Knight will have his soul so filled with the great themes of meditation among the solemn symbols of the Asylum, and his mind so impressed with the sublime lessons of the altar and the ascensional auditory, that he cannot be a trifler in any part of the serious and impressive work of the Order; and when he goes forth into the world to act his part, he will be a truer, better, and more earnest man. I would impress upon all who have the direction of these solemn ceremonies, to make them real; give them life and character, fill the words and lessons full of the power that a soul deeply impressed with their meaning and imbued with their spirit can alone infuse into them. Then shall the Order of Knighthood stand beside the other great divisions of speculative Masonry, as it has always stood to the great body of the true and the faithful, a light to its pilgrim-path, a defence and protection to the weak and helpless, full of the glory and benevolence of its great mission."

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Sir Knight Wm. C. Munger, reviewing, in his genial way, the transactions of twenty-four Grand Commanderies. Illinois, for 1869, receives Knightly attention.

R. E. Sir William A. Warner, of Louisville, was elected Grand Commander, Sir William C. Munger, of Franklin, Grand Recorder. A public installation of the Grand Officers was had, at which the Rev. Sir Knight William H. Platt delivered an able oration.

Kentucky has 11 Commanderies; 548 members; 88 created.

The next annual Conclave will be held at Mt. Sterling, July 11, 1871.

LOUISIANA.

The Proceedings of this Grand Commandery failed to reach us.

From New York we learn that the seventh annual Conclave was held in New Orleans, February 18, 1870. Three Subordinates represented. R. E. Sir Joseph P. Hosmer, Grand Commander, E. Sir Gustavus Sontag, Grand Recorder.

Sir James B. Scot presented the Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Commander and Grand Recorder were both re-elected.

Louisiana has 3 Subordinates; 250 members. There are, as yet, no Commanderies in the jurisdiction outside of New Orleans.

MAINE.

The nineteenth annual conclave was held at Portland, May 4, 1870, R. E. Sir Charles H. McLellan, Grand Commander. Eleven Subordinates represented.

The Address of the Grand Commander, which is principally for the benefit of the Knights of Maine, opens with the following sentiments:

"It seems an event but of yesterday that we were last in solemn Conclave assembled; and yet twelve moons have waxed and waned since we said our last farewells, and the time now again occurs on which it is customary for the executive of your will to render his annual account of stewardship. It is at this time, especially, well for us to review the events, deeds, and actions of the irredeemable past—that past which no human agency can recall, alter, or change—and in calm, unimpassioned mood, ask ourselves in what manner have we performed our relative duties to God, our neighbor, our Order, and ourselves. Fortunate, indeed, is he who can, with satisfaction to himself, pass this ordeal; and happy, indeed, may he be who can from this time henceforth live in accordance with a conscience controlled by those considerations."

The Grand Commander says that the past year has not been particularly eventful to the Order. No new Commanderies have been added, neither does he at present favor an increase, the rather fearing the too sudden influx, than the want of members. He says:

"I would that I could see some remedy for the practice in some of our Bodies where the jurisdiction is large, of conferring the whole of the orders at one time, upon very many candidates, who are thus deprived of the solemn and lasting impression which a dignified and proper conferring of them would and ought to produce. Solemnity is scarcely ever (in ceremonies like our own) evoked among a crowd; and to retain a clear and lasting impression, the mind should be free from the external effects and extraneous ideas which companionship necessarily *must* produce."

There is a remedy, if your Grand Commandery will apply it. It is about time some of our elders, as they call themselves, desist from the practice of taking in candidates by droves. Such a practice is not known with us.

The Grand Commander is in favor of Reports on Correspondence:

"I deem it of immense importance to our welfare that we make ourselves masters of the valuable knowledge imparted to us through the Reports on Foreign Correspondence. I have reason to think we have not paid due attention to this part of our printed proceedings, which informs of the well-being and conduct of bodies appertaining to the Order in other jurisdictions; and it is *very* gratifying to me, as well as a matter of pride, to state that, in examining the reports from other Bodies which have been sent to me, I find nothing which will surpass the able summary of the movements of foreign Bodies with which our own Committees on Foreign Correspondence has favored us, and I again suggest that it receive careful attention."

He suggests that more time be taken for the deliberations of the Grand Body, that the Ritual may be properly exemplified; calls the attention of the Grand

Commandery to the fact that they possess no Grand Standard, favors the Grand Representative system, and a General Field Encampment.

The Deputy Grand Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General make Reports of their several visitations during the year.

Sir Knight J. H. Drummond presents his usual able Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-three Grand Commanderies, among which Illinois, for 1869, receives its full share of comment.

Appended to the Report is the usual valuable table of statistics, from which we learn that there are twenty-six Grand Commanderies, with 358 Subordinates; 25,844 members; 3,885 created during 1869.

We copy his concluding remarks entire :

“FIELD ENCAMPMENTS.—The experiment of Field Encampments has been tried in several jurisdictions. It is too soon to determine whether the good resulting from them is an equivalent for the time and money expended. We have already entered our protest against making them obligatory. Their voluntary feature is most likely to make them successful. That they tend to cultivate the social element, and aid in acquiring the necessary military knowledge, is obvious; but that there is a tendency to excesses is also true. Time alone can determine the question of their usefulness.

“INTEMPERANCE.—We felt called upon last year to utter a word of caution upon this subject. In every case in which our proceedings for last year have been noticed, our remarks have been endorsed. It thus appears that the fault is not *local*, but exists in all the jurisdictions. This fact is alarming, and calls for a prompt and efficient remedy. Well written homilies and eloquent orations are not sufficient, unless they are accompanied by *action* in accordance with their text. We again submit that *absolute abstinence from all intoxicating drinks on Masonic occasions* is the only remedy. We invoke the attention of our Fraters upon Committees on Correspondence, Grand Commanders, and all in authority, to this subject. Can any one say there is no cause for alarm? If he cannot, his solemn duty as a Knight of the Cross is too obvious to require further discussion.

“CONCLUSION.—We again approach the conclusion of our labors, and we linger reluctant to send forth to the Templar world their result. While these pages are with us they are impotent for good or evil; but when they pass from our hands, whether their influence be good or bad, it has been irrevocably exerted, and can never be recalled. These reflections may well make us hesitate; but if success were certain, there would be little merit in labor: and relying upon the courtesy and magnanimity of our fellow Knights, we again greet them.

“It is one of the gratifying features of the condition of Knighthood at the present time, that its votaries seem to appreciate the importance of *labor*—that they show by their practice that they understand that what costs no labor is worth little, and accordingly we have *working men*, as a rule, in all the departments.

"Work is sweet, for God has blessed
Honest work with quiet rest—
Rest below and rest above,
In the mansions of his love;
When the work of life is done,
When the battle's fought and won."

"While this is true of Masonry generally, it is particularly so of the Orders of Knighthood. We have had occasion to know something of the condition of Masonry in all its branches; and this knowledge enables us to say that more activity, zeal, and, therefore, prosperity prevail in the Conclave than in the Lodge, the Chapter, or the Council. We say this in no spirit of exultation, but only to stimulate the Sir Knights to greater deeds of charity and pure beneficence. The bugle of the warrior is heard from Passamaquoddy Bay to the Golden Gate; our Beauseant floats, 'still full high advanced,' in every breeze from Superior to the Gulf, wherever distress is to be relieved, the widow or orphan to be protected, or the Christian religion to be defended, the pilgrim warrior is found. We are animated to still greater exertion by the example of those 'gone before,' and the promise of the great hereafter.

"And the air is full of music, gently floating overhead,
Songs of courage for the living, songs of victory for the dead."

The Grand Commandery are opposed to haste in conferring the Orders, as we observe by the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That no Commandery shall ballot for a candidate for the orders, in less time than four weeks from the receiving of his application, without first obtaining a Dispensation from one of the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery."

A Committee was appointed to consider the matter of Tactics and Drill, and report at the next annual Conclave.

A report of the parade and review of June 28 accompanies the Proceedings, at which six Commanderies participated, of which the Grand Recorder says:

"The Sir Knights were fully equipped, and with their rich uniform, handsome banners, glittering arms, and good discipline, made a fine appearance. The music of the bands added greatly to the effect.

"The weather was delightful, and a brilliant assembly of ladies and gentlemen were on the field as spectators.

"The appearance of the Commanderies, and everything connected with the affair, was in the highest degree satisfactory."

R. E. Sir Charles H. McLellan, of Bath, was re-elected Grand Commander, Sir Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Recorder.

Maine has 11 Commanderies; 1041 members; 126 created.

MICHIGAN.

The thirteenth annual Conclave was held at Detroit, June 1, 1869, R. E. Sir J. H. Armstrong, Grand Commander. Twenty-one Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander thus opens his address, which is principally local :

"Whatever may have been the joys or the sorrows, the pleasures or disappointments of each since we last met, here, at least, peace and harmony are shedding their genial influences upon us.

"Then how meet that here, around our common altar, we should bow in profound humility, and lift the heart in earnest supplication to Him who so kindly preserves and blesses us as an Order.

"We, Sir Knights, are bound together not only by the sacred vows of Knighthood, but by every noble aspiration of the human heart, by every precept of that Christianity for the defence of which our lives are solemnly pledged, and if we stand shoulder to shoulder, with unbroken ranks, the strong right hand of each grasping ever the mystic blade of truth, and wielding it with justice impartial in defence of helpless orphans, destitute widows, and the Christian religion, we may rely upon the continued favor and protection of our blessed Immanuel.

"The Order of Knights Templar has witnessed the rise and fall of many nations, and has dispensed its beneficent influences upon the lives of many generations of men. In its original purity of character and dignity of purpose, it is to-day our rich heritage. Let us not, then, show ourselves, Sir Knights, unworthy of this sacred trust, but realize ever the responsible position we occupy as the present depositories of this noble Order within this Grand Jurisdiction.

"If there be one among us who has grown careless of his Knightly duties, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming the Christian Knight, let him retire to the lone chamber of reflection, ponder well his faults, resolve upon a tour of penance, and a final triumph over all those obstacles that beset the path of the weary pilgrim journeying toward the goal of Christian light and knowledge.

"Anciently our Order acquired its renown at the point of the sword; was in fact, as well as in theory, a military institution. But while the ancient Knights were eager to perfect themselves in military tactics, the moral drill was not forgotten. It is difficult to reconcile our ideas of an ancient Knight with that of intemperance, profanity, or any other vice. To enfeeble his strong right arm by the use of intoxicating draughts, or to utter the name of Deity with irreverent lips, would have been to prove false to his high trust; and should the Sir Knight of to-day be less pure and noble, while his duties and obligations remain the same?

"He is the worthy Sir Knight who feels the highest reverence for God, with whom every manly virtue becomes a part of Knightly honor, whose mind is never swayed by considerations of fear or personal advantage, and who is ever ready to draw his sword in defence of that cause to which it has been so solemnly dedicated."

We also here learn of the prosperous condition of the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

"It is my happy privilege to announce a state of prosperity more advanced and confirmed throughout our jurisdiction, than we have enjoyed in any previous year. And it is gratifying to know that this prosperity is attributable to the vigorous efforts of the Sir Knights themselves, perpetually renewing the life and spirit of our solemn ceremonies within our asylums, where friendships are

being nourished to endure through life, and, may we not hope, Sir Knights, throughout a blissful eternity.

We have but one thing to fear, and that is a too rapid increase of members. It is not quantity, but *quality*, that should govern us in selecting material for our noble Order, and none but the worthy children of humility should ever be allowed to assume the vows of Knighthood."

Three Dispensations for new Commanderies issued, for which Charters were granted, and several of the Commanderies were visited during the year. The Grand Commander regrets the want of uniformity, and suggests the appointment of some experienced Sir Knight to visit the several Commanderies during the year, and give instruction in the work and drill; and also suggests that much benefit might be derived from a State Field Encampment.

The representatives from the Commanderies chartered at the Conclave were admitted to a seat, and to vote for Grand Officers—a very doubtful procedure.

The matter of work and drill was referred to a special committee, who reported that the work in the several Subordinates should be specially in charge of the Grand Commander, and the drill in charge of the Grand Captain General, who should visit the several Commanderies and instruct them when requested, the Commanderies visited to pay the expense.

The request of a Commandery to change its location, in order to confer the Orders upon candidates residing there, was refused. The committee to whom the matter was referred make the following pertinent remarks:

"It seems to your Committee entirely unnecessary to give reasons for this conclusion, as they must be apparent to all, that to allow a Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood at a different place than specified in the Charter establishing it, is a complete change of jurisdiction, and giving a roving commission never contemplated or intended by the Charter creating the Commandery."

Sir Oliver Bourke presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Commanderies. In conclusion he makes the following apology for brevity, which we might all, in justice to ourselves, send up:

"My pressing and many PUBLIC duties, increased during the past year, and superadded to my PRIVATE business, which ought to have nearly all my time, have thrown over to the last moment the pleasure of presenting to your view the transactions of the outside world. This *shall* not again occur. I will next claim, for similar reasons, the indulgence of the many bright intellects greeting us from other luminaries. 'The feast of reason and the flow of soul' presented have *not* fallen on barren soil; and while our own intellectual feast has been most bountiful, we regret others less favored with supplies are shut out. Should another cycle find us in communion with so many genial spirits and congenial souls, our present shortcomings will make us doubly diligent. *Vale!*"

R. E. Sir Theron A. Flower, of Pontiac, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Oliver Bourke, of Detroit, Grand Recorder.

Michigan has 22 Commanderies; 1,387 members; 235 created.

Next annual Conclave at Detroit, June 7, 1870.

MINNESOTA.

The fourth annual Conclave was held at Mankato, June 24, 1869, R. E. Sir James M. Cole, Grand Commander. Five Commanderies represented.

No address from the Grand Commander, his official acts being confined to the attendance at the triennial session of the Grand Encampment at St. Louis, and granting a Dispensation for the Charter of Damascus Commandery, destroyed by fire.

The Grand Representative system approved, and Past R. E. Grand Commander Alfred E. Ames was accredited as the representative of the Grand Commanderies of Pennsylvania, New York, and Tennessee.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Knight S. Y. McMasters, reviewing the transactions of thirteen Grand Commanderies. Illinois does not make its appearance, but we are not responsible for the failure of Uncle Samuel.

In conclusion, he says:

"It is encouraging to observe, in nearly all the addresses, orations, and reports on Foreign Correspondence, an increasing earnestness on the subject of Christian faith and reverence. All seem to realize that, whatever may be the latitude allowed in this respect, among the appendant Orders, the *Knightly* character must be firmly anchored in the Christian theology, and look to the cross of redemption as the only hope of sinners. Before our banners skepticism must hide her face, and profanity hang down her head in shame. All along our lines, and over all our tented fields—wherever our banners are uplifted—the cross stands prominent, and over it we never fail to read: '*In hoc signo vinces.*' Ours is eminently a Christian Order, intended as an auxiliary to the church of the living God; and whoever, by word or deed, openly disregards the Christian rule of faith or practice, brings dishonor on the worthy name whereby he is called. To guard well the sanctity of our altars we must look well to the chamber of reflection, and even farther out than this, for the profane man once admitted to our asylum, we fear we may not have the power to reform him. Profanity, drunkenness, and licentiousness should be a ground of prompt rejection at the threshold. By holding high our standard of faith and morals, we may make our Order a beauty and a power in the land. By neglecting this we make it only a reproach."

A Committee on Tactics and Drill was appointed, to report at next annual Conclave.

R. E. Sir E. D. B. Porter, of Mankato, was elected Grand Commander, E. Sir George A. Savory, of Minneapolis, Grand Recorder.

Minnesota has 5 Commanderies; 341 members; 40 created.

The fifth annual Conclave held at Rochester, June 24, 1870.

MISSISSIPPI.

The last published record of this Grand Commandery, according to the report of the present Grand Recorder, was the fifth annual Conclave, held at Vicksburg,

January 25, 1861. A list of the Grand Officers, and a few constitutional members, only, are found of the Conclave of 1869.

The proceedings before us are for the annual Conclave held at Jackson, January 22, 1870. R. E. Sir John K. Fulsom, Grand Commander: E. Sir J. L. Power, Grand Recorder.

Six Subordinates represented. This Grand Commandery, we are glad to see, has survived the storm, and is now being revived by able hands.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

"Some of our subordinate Commanderies have ceased to meet, and others forfeited their Charters by failing to hold their regular Conclaves and elect officers. This is owing partially to their financial condition, and I would here recommend that the dues of those Commanderies which have failed to elect and install their officers for the past year be remitted, and that every encouragement and inducement be held out to them to again resume labor."

The Grand Representative system was adopted, and the Grand Commander authorized to make such appointments, conferring the rank and title of Past Grand Generalissimo.

Sir Wm. S. Patton presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of sixteen Grand Commanderies—Illinois not among the number, we presume for the reasons stated:

"During the past year we received the proceedings of only three Grand Commanderies, and they were sent us by the Secretaries of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The other Grand Commanderies reported on were handed us at the present meeting too late to give them that attention they so richly deserve. Our sister Grand Commanderies must bear with us, as no one regrets more than we do that our report is not full, and due notice given to all."

In conclusion he says:

"We would say to our Sir Knight Reporters, may our reports be of such a character as will stand the test of the religion we profess. We do not claim Masonry to be religion. Though coming down to us through a religious channel, and richly freighted with Scripture truths, it does not pretend to be religion itself, or in any manner a substitute for it, yet no one can be an apt teacher of Masonry, or rightly understand its history or philosophy, unless he be familiar with the Bible, and indeed with the spirit of the writers. The open Bible is our great light in all the degrees, and furnishes a sure guide to the Temple of Happiness. The Altar of our Order, the sandals, the cord, the lesser and greater lights, the checkered pavement, the columns, the blazing star, the sprig of evergreen, the 'Lambskin,' 'more ancient than the golden fleece or the Roman eagle,' are only symbols, pointing back to the faith of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, and of Moses, in the coming of the great atonement of the 'Lamb of God,' 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah,' the doctrine of the Trinity, the doctrine of the Resurrection, through the great 'Substitute' of God to man.

"And when we enter the precincts of a Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery, frequented by Christian men, we stand within the threshold of a living, abiding miracle, whose mysteries, symbols, and rites point out, long before they

occur, the dim, prophetic drama of the profoundly solemn event which in the future, to them, should take place in Jerusalem, when there should be 'darkness from the sixth to the ninth hour.'

"It stands like a venerable beacon on the earth, looming up like a mirage, or like the old pyramids and chiselled columns of the desert, pointing us back to events long gone by, and pointing, like the prophets of old, to events which were to occur centuries after they had slept with their fathers. It is the hyphen-point that connects the past with the present and the future; the one great point being the mystery of all mysteries, the sacrifice of the 'Lamb of God,' and His resurrection from the tomb."

R. E. Sir Charles T. Bond, of New Albany, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir John L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Recorder.

Mississippi has 6 Commanderies; 197 Members; 34 created.

The next annual Conclave held at Vicksburg, January 22, 1871.

MISSOURI.

The ninth annual Conclave was held at St. Louis, October 5, 1869. R. E. Sir James F. Aglar, Grand Commander; E. Sir Geo. Frank Gurley, Grand Recorder. Eight Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is principally devoted to a detailed statement of his official visits to the several Subordinates in the jurisdiction, which he finds in a prosperous condition.

Four Dispensations for new Commanderies were issued, to which Charters were granted. The Grand Commander favors a field encampment once a year, of which he says:

"As I think it necessary for the credit of our Order that we should be familiar with the actual duties of a soldier, and I look upon a camp of this kind as of the utmost importance for the future benefit and prosperity of our Order, for in this age of increasing infidelity we know not how soon we may be called upon to wield our swords on the battle field in defence of the Christian religion."

He deprecates the practice of the Subordinates in opening and closing informally; recommends that Sir Knights be required to attend in full or fatigue dress, and that in petitions for a Dispensation to form a new Commandery the three first officers, with the Senior and Junior Wardens, be required to exhibit suitable proficiency in the working and conferring of the Orders before receiving the recommendation of the nearest Commandery.

In conclusion, he says;

"Sir Knights: Let me congratulate you all on the success of our noble Order, not only in this State, but throughout the civilized world; let us ever, Sir Knights, keep in mind that we are all soldiers of the Cross; ever keep before us the emblem of our noble Order, and let us, Sir Knights, try and emulate, if possible the example of those Templars of old who forsook home, country and relatives, to fight under the banner of the cross, for the cause of Jesus Christ. Wealth, evils and dangers were in common among them; one will, one spirit, directed all their

actions and all their thoughts; at the cry of battle they armed themselves with faith within and steel without; they feared neither the number nor the fury of the barbarians: they were proud to conquer, happy to die for the cause of Jesus Christ, and believed that every victory came from God."

The several suggestions of the Grand Commander were adopted, and the Committee on the Grand Commander's address embody in their report the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, We would urge upon this Grand Commandery to adopt the suggestions of the R. E. Grand Commander, and that this Grand Commandery make it obligatory upon all subordinate Commanderies once a year to go into a regular encampment together, subject to the discipline and regulations of a military camp, and that the time and place for an encampment to be held in 1870 be fixed by this Grand Commandery."

There is one word in this resolution we do not like. We have no objection to the subordinates of a Grand Commandery getting together, as far as practicable, once a year, for the purpose of a good social time together, but we doubt the power or propriety of making it obligatory upon any Sir Knight to leave his home or business, and incur the expense of such a gathering. The grand display of 1868 must have somewhat turned the heads of some of our Missouri Knights.

Sir Knight Geo. Frank Gouley presents the Report on Correspondence, in his usual happy style, reviewing the transactions of twenty-two Grand Commanderies; among them Illinois, for 1868, receives attention.

There is much in this report to commend, and were it not for the "Pike" running through it we should like it much better. We have always thought that the best way to get along with a troublesome customer was to let him alone and give him rope to hang himself. But as Gouley don't intend to give in until the "*tropics*" shall freeze over, we don't think he will have quit of his subject for some time.

R. E. Sir James F. Aglar was re-elected Grand Commander; E. Sir George Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder; both of St. Louis.

Missouri has 14 Commanderies; 507 Members; 77 created.

Next annual Conclave will be held at St. Louis, October 3, 1870.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

We are in receipt of the neatly executed proceedings of this Grand Body, at its semi-annual Assembly of May 28, its two specials, October 19 and 25, and annual Assembly of October 29, 1869, held in the city of Providence, R. I.

At the semi-annual, twenty Subordinates were represented, R. E. Sir William W. Baker, Grand Commander, E. Sir Solon Thornton, Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Commander is devoted to those matters pertaining to the business of the meeting. The matter of Grand Representative was alluded to, although not finally settled, and the invitation of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, of Philadelphia, to attend their centennial Anniversary, acknowledged and accepted; but the Grand Commander gives Pennsylvania a pretty hard thrust, by the quotation of a letter from her distinguished Historiographer,

dated November 10, 1849, in which he proves No. 4, of the Pennsylvania Registry, to be illegal.

This semi-annual seems especially called for the purpose of exemplifying the work, which was done by several distinguished Knights, who received the thanks of the Grand Body, without arriving at any permanent conclusion.

E. Sir Charles A. Stolt presented an elaborate report on Drill, which was read, laid on the table, and subsequently adopted.

Sir Charles W. Moore, from the Committee on the subject of Nomenclature, made a lengthy report, in which he arrives at the conclusion that the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island should conform to the requirements of the Grand Encampment.

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address recommend that no action be taken in regard to the exchange of representatives with other Bodies.

At the special Assembly of October 19, the Grand Commander delivers an address, giving many historic facts relative to Godfrey De Bouillon, the name of the Commandery at Fall river, for the constitution of which the meeting was called.

A special Assembly, October 25, was called to constitute Joseph Warren Commandery, at Boston Heights.

The sixty-fourth annual Assembly was held at Providence, Rhode Island, October 29, 1869, R. E. Sir William W. Baker, Grand Commander, E. Sir Solon Thornton, Grand Recorder. Twenty-six Subordinates represented.

The report on Nomenclature, presented at the semi-annual Assembly, was adopted, and the revised Constitution, making the appropriate changes.

The M. E. Sir William Sewall Gardner was announced, admitted, and received with the honors appropriate to his station.

The Grand Commander, in his lengthy and finished address, announces the adoption of the new constitution; and as much has been said and written as regards the position of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts, we copy his words entire:

"In accordance with the report of your Committee at the last semi-annual Assembly, and which you have to-day so unanimously accepted, thereby conforming to the regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the existence of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island ceases, and with it ends the twenty-third and last of your Grand Masters.

"To-morrow we commence a new life, as a Grand Commandery, and the next occupant of this chair will be your Grand Commander. Titles and names will be changed. The term Encampment, as applied to Subordinates, will be unrecognized out of the jurisdiction, and remembered only by those within it, and that but for a short time. A new generation will hardly realize how wedded were their predecessors to old names, forms, and titles. The less conservative probably look upon the institution simply as an element of progress, and recognize only the necessity of keeping abreast of the foremost in the feverish race of life. Yet to many of us—to many of the older Fraters of this Grand Encampment—there are many pleasing as well as many mournful recollections, which cluster around it and its older Subordinates.

"It was commenced in the day of small things; its early career, like that of the nine Knights who founded the Order, was not marked by prosperity or success. Their numbers were few, and their progress slow and uncertain. When they had, as it were, fought valiantly their way, and strength and success began to dawn upon them, the evil days came, and the years drew nigh, and darkness gathered over them, and over the whole Masonic firmament in this section of the country. It was the anti-masonic crusade of 1828, an episode that finds its true level, its place in our history, with the days of the Salem witchcraft and the persecution of the Quakers. It is marvellous to us, after the lapse of little more than a generation, that so much malice, hatred, and bigotry could have been incarnated in man, in this age of truth and light. But it has passed away, and it were charity to let the actors in that wretched farce sleep in merited oblivion. They left behind no record worthy of copy, no honorable sentiment deserving of remembrance or emulation. In fact, the subject presents but few attractions, as giving evidence of honesty or character in intent or action; the reputation of many of its ringleaders offers to society no example worthy of imitation or consideration. 'While there were soundness and sanity in them, they remained at the bottom, but they rose as they rotted, and floated on the surface, objects of contempt and detestation.'

"It was not my intention to more than mention this anti-masonic excitement, and I will merely add that Boston Encampment and St. John's Encampment, to some extent, shared in the persecution. There are still members of this Grand Body present and acting with us to-day—and God grant they may be long spared us!—who participated in that drama, one as principal and the other as a witness in one of the most important Masonic trials on record. This was at a time when personal liberty was not so secure as now, and prominent members of the institution, when they went forth in the morning, had serious and frequent forbodings (so feverish and uncertain was the popular excitement) that on some contemptible pretext they might be incarcerated in a prison before night.

"Those were days of trial and tribulation, and they lasted many years. Members of the Masonic fraternity were few and not increasing; each one knew his brother, and intimately; and as sorrow increased it seemed to bind them closer together. Public opinion was the crucible in which they were being tried, and affliction was the mordant that fixed the concrete, and fused them together in the bond of confidence and brotherly love.

"The number of Lodges in Boston was five, whose combined active membership was hardly over one hundred and thirty; two or three struggling Chapters, and but one live Encampment in the State; so it will be seen how endeared must have been that brotherhood and companionship—how closely bound and attached, not only to each other, but to the Lodges, Chapters, and Encampments, and not only with them, but with their names, styles, and titles, and all connected therewith. To be sure, there are but few of these veterans left; but we, many of us—'though not the rose, have dwelt near it'—have sat at the feet of Gamaliel, and feel a portion of the sentiment that influences them in their love for the things and names of old.

" This is simply a reflex of the views of the parent Grand Body, and accounts for the persistence with which we have clung to the customs of the past. Our predecessors thought, undoubtedly, that the General Grand Body would recede somewhat from its position, and return to the examples as shown by Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Connecticut, Ohio, and Virginia. But, one by one, they fell off and joined the more powerful and attractive body. We are now alone. Out of more than thirty State Grand Bodies, Massachusetts and Rhode Island is left alone. Innovation, prosperous, is progress ; as rebellion, successful, becomes patriotism. And so stands it with us to day ; and, viewing the situation as Masons and Templars, we yield to the majority, and join, heart and hand, with our sisters throughout the Union, feeling that in maintaining our position we have done no violence to our principles ; and, in more fully complying with the regulations of the General Grand Body, have yielded no sentiment of dignity or self-respect.

" For myself, I heartily subscribe to the report of your Committee, and rejoice at the unanimity with which it is received. There is no sacrifice of right or principle involved. It is not a question of principle, but of opinion."

The several Grand Officers make, at this session, full reports of their doings.

The Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of fourteen Grand Bodies.

The Grand Officers were elected, and duly installed by the M. E. Grand Master William Sewall Gardner, and thus ended, in the words of the Grand Recorder, as entered in the minutes :

" And thus closed one of the most memorable, as well as most remarkable, assemblies ever held by this Grand Body.

" It was convened as a Grand Encampment, to which *title* all of its oldest members clung with fond recollection, and the majority as fondly preferred.

" Among the permanent members present was one who acquired that right in 1829, another in 1833, and two Past Grand Masters, one of 1835, and the other of 1839, together with five others, seven in all, who presided as Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment. As such, they had loved, honored, and cherished it, and as such they wished, and might have hoped to have relinquished it, with all other earthly things, to their successors.

" Great fidelity and strong love for the Grand Body and its Nomenclature, was represented by the gray hairs of the aged Knights present, and a great example was set by them, when, in obedience to what was considered for its best interests, and for the harmony of the whole jurisdiction of the United States, they yielded their cherished memories, and unanimously voted to be known as members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, thus consummating an event alike memorable and remarkable in the annals of Knighthood."

R. E. Sir Benjamin Dean is Grand Commander, E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder, both of Boston.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island have 27 Commanderies ; 3,428 members ; 450 created.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We are in receipt of the printed proceedings of this Grand Commandery, for 1868 and 1869.

The annual Conclave of 1868 was held at Concord, September 29.

Nine Subordinates represented.

R. E. Sir Charles A. Tufts, Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander is a faithful account of his several official visits during the year. E. Sir William Barrett was received and accredited as the Grand Representative of Illinois.

A military encampment and parade was ordered, the expenses to be assessed on the several Subordinates.

R. E. Sir Henry O. Kent, of Lancaster, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, Grand Recorder.

The annual Conclave for 1869 was held at Manchester, September 28. R. E. Sir Henry O. Kent Grand Commander.

Eight Subordinates represented.

In his address, the Grand Commander says:

"Templar Masonry has become an established fact, and its influence within its proper sphere is felt throughout the State. It is to broaden the base of our magnificent structure, and to guard its portals from the intrusion of improper men or customs that we are to deliberate at this time, as well as to legislate regarding the financial and social condition of the Order.

"I regard the different Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, as generally in a prosperous and vigorous condition. There are some points on which uniformity of action and work is yet imperfect, and some essential requirements not strictly observed. It should be the immediate aim of this Grand Body—the conservator of the customs, the routine and the discipline of the Order—to prevent any errors of omission or of commission, and equally the aim of the executive officers of the several Commanderies, to heed our written law and the official mandates of the chief officers in the State, to the end that perfect symmetry may be produced in work, discipline and drill, for only then can our condition be such as to challenge the cordial approbation of the Masonic world.

"I am gratified in being able to state that a commendable feeling regarding the essential position here expressed, generally prevails, and that as the result of persistent fraternal effort, the Templars of New Hampshire are steadily advancing in their duties."

The Grand Commander had visited, during the year, several of the Subordinates, and states, as his conviction, that the Order generally is in a prosperous and healthy condition. He makes the decision that a Commander cannot resign after being installed, and in his permanent absence the next officer succeeds to his duties.

The Grand Commandery, at this session, provided themselves with a grand standard and shoulder-straps.

The military encampment, ordered at the session of 1868, was held at Centre

Harbor, on the shore of Lake Winnipissiogee, August 17 - 20. The affair did not prove a financial success, as is usually the case with Masonic gatherings. One Subordinate declined to appear, which proves the folly of making such assemblies obligatory. This gave rise to the following remarks, by the Grand Commander, in his address:

"As an occasion agreeable to the participants, the encampment was a success, and we may, perhaps, with reason, conclude that good will result from it. As a military encampment, held in obedience to competent authority, it cannot be said that it met the expectations of the Grand Officers, or that it was, in point of numbers, what it should have been. I should be derelict to my duty, did I omit to state the fact, that, in response to orders issued by competent authority, but about one-third of the actual strength of the Order responded; that North Star and Sullivan were so slightly represented as to allow of no distinct organization, and that Hugh DePayens was not represented at all, and that, as a result of this failure, a considerable debt remains to be provided for from the scanty funds or revenues of the Order.

"I indulge in but a single reflection, and this made in a spirit of fraternal regard for every Commandery and Knight. It is this: Each Knight, when obligated, vows to obey all due summons sent him from the Grand Commandery; and I fail to perceive how the individual and wholesale absence at the encampment held August 17-20 can be made to accord with the vows of the Templars of New Hampshire; and further, that until a cordial spirit of acquiescence in any decree promulgated, and generous emulation to meet its requirements, is generally observable throughout the jurisdiction, whatever is done in the way of voluntary and independent excursions, it will hardly be judicious to attempt a formal military encampment in accordance with orders, with sanguine hope of success."

Sir Knights Barrett and Fellows present an able Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty Grand Commanderies—Illinois, for 1868, receives its full share of attention.

R. E. Sir Henry O. Kent, of Lancaster, was re-elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, Grand Recorder.

New Hampshire has 9 Commanderies; 757 Members; 94 created.

NEW JERSEY.

The twelfth annual Conclave was held at Trenton, September 13, 1870. R. E. Sir Isaac A. Nichols, Grand Commander; E. Sir Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder.

Ten Subordinates represented.

From the address of the Grand Commander we learn that the "Order in New Jersey is in a flourishing condition." "Many accessions have been made to the ranks, and of such material as will do honor and reflect credit on Templar Masonry." He deems it necessary to send forth a note of warning, in these words:

"And now, Sir Knights, as the past has been placed before you, the present calls for a passing notice. Our Order is flourishing. At no time since the estab-

lishment of Templar Masonry have we been in so prosperous a condition. We have every hope that we shall continue to increase in numbers and influence. Let that influence be for good, and let every individual, not only officers, but members, of our different Commanderies, so act and walk that his influence may be felt, not only in this present time, but for the future.

"Sir Knights, ours is a military Order, differing materially from other degrees of Masonry. All of us are called upon to act as Christian Knights, and whilst so acting we must assume something of the military character. Like our prototypes of old, we must be on guard, and, like them, act as sentinels, and patrol our posts to prevent an enemy from getting in our camp. Have we enemies? I fear so. Enemies that will do us harm and pervert our principles, unless they are quickly detected, and the alarm at once given. Careful observation is required, and constant vigilance.

"What are they? Unnecessary public processions, funeral corteges, subordination to the lower orders of Masonry in public, changes and innovations in our ritual—these are some of the events against which I would urge you to be watchful. The sentinel at the gate of an encampment or fortress must not only be awake, but must be on his guard, his mind full of his important trust; he should feel the weight of his responsibility; he must look around and about him, that apprehended danger may not suddenly come upon him. Yet he may be on his guard; every look and motion betokens concentration of his thoughts upon the danger against which he is set to watch. His eye is fixed steadfastly upon the point from which the enemy's approach is apprehended; but whilst he watches that dreaded spot, observe beyond and behind him those forms which begin to loom up and creep nearer. He does not hear, nor does he see them, because his eye is fixed in another direction; and he is made aware of his position and danger only when a hostile hand is upon him and he is disarmed. The enemy for whom he looked so vigilantly is already within the walls, and the banner he thought to have seen waving in the distance, is floating in triumph just above his head. The case of the sentinel alluded to is applicable to each one of us, or presents the dangers which I think threaten us. We may fail of our duty, and thus be exposed to danger, by forgetting that danger, or by underrating it; by admitting its reality, but losing sight of its proximity; by looking for it from a quarter from which it is not likely to proceed, whilst we turn our backs upon that from which it ought to be expected; by looking for it with good reason from one quarter, but forgetting it may proceed from others also; and above all, by looking at a distance when the danger is close at hand; by exercising vigilance without when the danger is within, and vainly hoping to anticipate its first approaches when the fight is finished and the battle lost."

The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General each make report of their official visitations. A committee on ritual made a report, and the ritual as presented was adopted, and approved as the work of the Jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the mirth-provoking pen of Sir Thomas J. Corson, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-two Grand Bodies—Illinois, for 1868, included. It would be hard to tell which most to

admire in the report of Sir Thomas: the wit, humor, or ridicule. He seems, however, to spare neither friend or foe, but being an M.D. (that is a Masonic Doctor), he kills and cures with the same medicine.

There is much that is good in this report, but we have space but for a passage from the conclusion, in memory of Grand Master French:

"A wail of woe comes borne to us upon the sighing breeze, chilling the hearts and dimming the eyes of Templars throughout the land. Death has invaded our ranks, and one of our most valued standard-bearers has been stricken down. The pure, the gentle, the kind has been taken. The poet, the scholar, the orator has fallen. The voice whose musical symphonies thrilled so many hearts, is silent. The eyes which ever beamed with love, now lack their lustre. All that was human of Benjamin Brown French has passed from our sight, for he is dead. Did we say "dead?" Nay, for such men never die. While Templar Masonry lives, will his Memory be green. To such men death never comes, for their works are immortal. More than ten years ago we received from him the accolade of a Templar. We feel his sword upon our shoulder now. We cannot make him dead. But so it is, and all chivalry mourns, for his place cannot be filled. We bow to Heaven's high decree, and we must be silent in presence of the Death Angel. We cannot understand the ways of Providence, but must quietly submit."

R. E. Sir J. V. Mattison, of Washington, Grand Commander; E. Sir Thos. J. Corson, of Trenton, Grand Recorder.

New Jersey has 10 Commanderies; 555 members; 102 created.

Next annual Conclave will be held at Trenton, September 12, 1871.

NEW YORK.

The fifty-sixth annual Conclave was held at Buffalo, October 5, 1869. V. E. Sir Henry Clay Preston, Acting Grand Commander, in the absence of R. E. Sir John A. Lefferts, detained by a severe snow storm from attendance. E. Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder.

Thirty-one Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander, which is published with the proceedings, is a document worthy of the author. He assures us that harmony, peace and good will, reign throughout the jurisdiction of New York. Four Dispensations for new Commanderies issued, and the Grand Commander intimates that he would have granted others had they been applied for, "being actuated by a strong and fervent belief that Templar Masonry is destined to be a great power in our land."

"Its code of ethics are second to none; its teachings are an epitome of true religious faith; Its social features exert an influence not known in other bodies, binding us heart and hand together; while its military character renders it at once attractive to a people fond of show and display.

"Time was when the Templar with diffidence appeared in public with his regalia. But how is it now? With bands playing and banners floating on the air, he marches boldly along the crowded thoroughfare, amid the plaudits of the lookers-on, to his destined object.

"I may be an enthusiast, but I see in my dreams a great future for the Order to which I am sincerely proud to belong.

"Let us, then, in the matter of new Commanderies, put aside all petty jealousies; let us not shame ourselves by making it a money question, or stop to ask, 'How will it affect us?' but push on the good work. And in every town and hamlet, wherever one may live, let us plant the banner of the cross, and by its sign conquer the love and esteem of all."

Grand Representatives were appointed and confirmed to the several Grand Commanderies. The following letter is published as evidence of the good resulting from the appointment of a foreign representative:

"LONDON, September 23, 1869.

"SIR JOHN A. LEFFERTS, *R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, State of New York.*

"R. E. SIR KNIGHT:—According to promise, I have the pleasure of communicating to you such information as I have been able to obtain since my arrival here, relative to the orders of the Temple in this country, hoping it may reach you in time for the meeting of the Grand Commandery, October 5. This being the summer vacation, nearly all the Masonic Bodies are closed, and do not resume their meetings until the middle of October. Most of the active members are also absent, and I have in consequence not been able to obtain such detailed information as I had hoped to do, to send you at this time.

"The most important matter worthy of note and interest to our Grand Bodies, is the treaty of alliance lately ratified by the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, with the 'Orders of the Temple' in Scotland and Ireland, printed copies of which I send you by this mail. (See Treatise). The treaty with Scotland was ratified October 8, 1867, and with England, November 27, 1868. The committee appointed to prepare new Statutes, Laws, Rituals, etc., have not as yet made their report, but from what I can learn, important changes will be proposed, and probably adopted.

"The Templars of Scotland separated from the Masonic Order many years since, and admitted profanes. As yet I have not been able to learn if that important and decidedly objectionable feature has been by them officially annulled, but am creditably informed that practically it did not operate successfully, and but very few persons have been made Templars who were not Royal Arch Masons.

"From the statistics I find that the Order throughout Great Britain has not increased very rapidly in members, but is in a highly creditable condition, and is intentionally kept rather exclusive and select in their membership.

"Hoping to furnish you with more important detailed information in my next communication, I have the pleasure to remain

"Very fraternally yours,

"A. G. GOODALL, *General Foreign Rep.*"

Copy of the Convention concluded between the Orders of the Temple in Scotland and England, and ratified by their respective Grand Masters.

IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

"THE MOST EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTERS of the religious and military Order of the Temple in Scotland, and in England and Wales, having judged it expedient and in the interest of the Orders over which they preside in their respective jurisdictions, that such rules and regulations should be made, and such laws promulgated as may tend to draw more closely together the members of the Order in both countries, and promote the interchange of courtesy and hospitality, have agreed to conclude a Convention, and to this end have appointed their Plenipotentiaries, to wit:—The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Knight William Hamilton Ramsey, Grand Bearer of the Vexillum Belli and Prior of the Lothians and Commander in the Order, and the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of England and Wales, Sir Knight Sir Patrick Mac Chombaich De Colquhoun, LL.D., his Grand Chancellor of the Order, who having exchanged their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed on the following articles, viz.:

I.

"All Scottish Templars, visiting or joining Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master of England and Wales, and *vice versa*, shall be received according to their rank at home on an equal footing with those among whom they shall respectively come, taking precedence according to their degree, and among those of equal rank according to seniority of their Commission or Warrant, and in cases where the date of such Commission or Warrant is the same, then according to the seniority of the Encampment, with the same capacity for office and promotion as they would have enjoyed in their own country, and with all rights and privileges thereunto appertaining. And such recognition shall, on request, be endorsed on their Certificates by the Grand Registrar of either country, and duly recorded, for which a fee not exceeding 2s. 6d. shall be taken or demanded.

II.

"The contracting parties mutually agree that neither will issue any Warrant authorizing the establishment of any Commandery or Priory within the jurisdiction of the other; and if any such shall have been granted, the same shall be null, void, and irritant, and upon representation duly made shall be forthwith cancelled by the competent authority. Nevertheless, any acts done under such Warrants in good faith, shall not be *ipso facto* irritant and void, but only avoidable by judgment of irritancy by a competent tribunal; or they may be declared valid, *pro hac vice*, and upon grounds of equity, for the benefit of innocent parties.

III.

"For the purpose of rendering the two branches of the Order more homolo-

gous, the contracting parties agree severally to appoint, within two months from the date of the signing hereof, four Commissioners, who, together with the undersigning Plenipotentiaries as Presidents of the respective Commissions, and whose powers shall continue for this purpose, shall agree upon statutes, laws, ordinances, forms, rituals, and other matters to be adopted and observed in common in the respective jurisdictions; and each Commission may, if it think fit, appoint a Secretary; and at the meetings of such Commission three of its members (one of such three being the President) shall form a quorum; but all communications shall be made by the respective Presidents direct to each other. Any future change or modification of such statutes, laws, ordinances, forms, rituals, and other matters, shall be mutually agreed between the two contracting parties, according to the Constitution then actually in force. Such statutes, laws, ordinances, forms, rituals, and other matters, having been thus agreed upon by the said Plenipotentiaries (with the assistance of the above named Commissioners) shall be signed by the Plenipotentiaries herein named, and shall, on receiving the ratifications of the respective Grand Masters, be held to be valid and binding on all Templars under the jurisdiction of either or both.

IV.

"All judgments, decrees, or sentences pronounced by the competent supreme authority in either country, shall be valid and executory in the other, without question or further process; and no appeal, error or review, shall lie against such judgments, decrees, or sentences, except in the Supreme Court of the country from which they emanated, save by special license and authority, or delegation under the hand and seal of the Grand Master of such country, countersigned by the proper judicial officer; and, in such case, any judgment pronounced thereupon shall be final and unimpeachable.

V.

"The contracting parties further agree that all judicial acts done according to law by one of them shall be forthwith communicated to the other, and, thereupon, published for its effect in all Priories and Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction of the other; and any act of contumacy punished by the authority of such country shall be regarded by the other as contumacy against its own judicial acts. Expulsion or suspension from the Order—as also any minor pain or penalty—in the one country, shall apply in the other country, in like manner as above.

VI.

"Both contracting parties agree not to recognize any other jurisdictions within any place subject to the Crown of Great Britain, or in any foreign country, so long as a duly constituted Grand Master shall not exist in such country, save and except always that of the Grand Master of Ireland, which Kingdom shall be invited as soon as convenient to accede to this Convention, and to nominate a Plenipotentiary and Commissioners to co-operate with Scotland and England for the purposes mentioned in the third Article.

VII.

"The contracting parties shall be at liberty to send reciprocally a Legate to be accredited to each other respectively, either permanently or in extraordinary mission, and such Legate shall receive all the honors due to his representative position in either country, taking precedence immediately after the Deputy Grand Master.

"The above articles having been agreed upon by the above Plenipotentiaries, the same shall be ratified, and the ratifications exchanged within two months, or sooner, if possible.

"In witness whereof, the above-named Plenipotentiaries have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 8th day of October, A.D. 1867.

"W. HAMILTON RAMSEY. [L.S.]

"P. MAC C. DE COLQUHOUN. [L.S.]

PROTOCOL.

"We, the undersigned, William Hamilton Ramsey and Sir Patrick Mac Chombaich de Colquhoun, respectively the Plenipotentiaries, duly authorized by our respective Grand Masters of the Temple and Hospital, in Scotland and England, having met, at 12 Leopold Place, in the City of Edinburgh, at the hour of 4 o'clock P.M., on the 8th day of October, 1867, and compared our respective copies of the Convention between the two kingdoms, did sign, and seal and exchange the same for the end therein set forth.

"Dated this 8th day of October, 1867.

"W. HAMILTON RAMSEY.

"P. MAC C. DE COLQUHOUN.

"Witness,

"WM. TINKLER, *Secretary.*"

Copy of the Convention concluded between the Orders of the Temple in Ireland and in England, and ratified by their respective Grand Masters.

IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

"THE MOST EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTERS of the religious and military Order of the Temple in Ireland, and in England and Wales, having judged it expedient and in the interest of the Orders over which they preside in their respective jurisdictions, that such rules and regulations should be made, and such laws promulgated as may tend to draw more closely together the members of the Order in both countries, and promote the interchange of courtesy and hospitality, have agreed to conclude a Convention, and to this end have appointed their Plenipotentiaries, to wit: The most Eminent and Supreme Grand Masters of Ireland, Sir Knight John Fitzhenry Townsend, his Deputy Grand Master of the

Order, and the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of England and Wales, Sir Knight Sir Patrick Mac Chombaich de Colquhoun, LL.D., his Grand Chancellor of the Order, who having exchanged their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed on the following articles, viz. :

I.

"All Irish Templars, visiting or joining Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master of England and Wales, and *vice versa*, shall be received according to their rank at home on an equal footing with those among whom they shall respectively come, taking precedence according to their degree, and among those of equal rank according to seniority of their Commission or Warrant, and in cases where the date of such Commission or Warrant is the same, then according to the seniority of their Encampment, with the same capacity for office and promotion as they would have enjoyed in their own country, and with all rights and privileges thereunto appertaining. And such recognition shall, on request, be endorsed on their Certificates by the Grand Registrar of either country, and duly recorded, for which a fee not exceeding 2s. 6d. shall be taken or demanded.

II.

"The contracting parties mutually agree that neither will issue any Warrant authorizing the establishment of any Commandery or Priory within the jurisdiction of the other, and if any such shall have been granted, the same shall be null, void, and irritant, and upon representation duly made, shall be forthwith cancelled by the competent authority. Nevertheless, any acts done under such Warrants in good faith, shall not be *ipso facto* irritant and void, but only avoidable by judgment of irritancy by a competent tribunal; or they may be declared valid, *pro hac vice* and upon grounds of equity for the benefit of innocent parties.

III.

"For the purpose of rendering the two branches of the Order more homologous, the contracting parties agree severally to appoint, within two months from the date of the signing thereof, four Commissioners, who, together with the undersigned Plenipotentiaries as Presidents of the respective Commissions, and whose powers shall continue for this purpose, shall agree upon statutes, laws, ordinances, forms, rituals, and other matters to be adopted and observed in common in the respective jurisdictions; and each Commission may, if it think fit, appoint a Secretary; and at the meeting of such Commission three of its members (one of such three being the President) shall form a quorum; but all communications shall be made by the respective Presidents direct to each other. Any future change or modification of such statutes, laws, ordinances, forms, rituals, and other matters, shall be mutually agreed upon between the two contracting parties, according to the Constitution then actually in force. Such statutes, laws, ordinances, forms, rituals, and other matters, having been thus agreed upon by the said Plenipotentiaries with the assistance of the above Commissioners shall be signed by the Plenipotentiaries herein named, and shall, on receiving the ratifications of the respective Grand

Masters, be held to be valid and binding on all Templars under the jurisdiction of either or both.

IV.

"All judgments, decrees or sentences pronounced by the competent supreme authority in either country shall be valid and executory in the other, without question or further process; and no appeal, error or review shall lie against such judgments, decrees, or sentences, except in the Supreme Court of the country from which they emanated, save by special license and authority or delegation under the hand and seal of the Grand Master of such country, countersigned by the proper judicial officer; and in such case any judgment pronounced thereupon shall be final and unimpeachable.

V.

"The contracting parties further agree that all judicial acts done according to law by one of them shall be forthwith communicated to the other, and thereupon, published for its effect in all Pories and Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction of the other; and any act of contumacy punished by the authority of such country shall be regarded by the other as contumacy against its own judicial acts. Expulsion or suspension from the Order—as also any minor pain or penalty—in the one country, shall apply in the other country, in like manner as above.

VI.

"Both contracting parties agree not to recognize any other jurisdictions within any place subject to the Crown of Great Britain, or in any foreign country, so long as a duly constituted Grand Master shall not exist in such country, save and except always that of the Grand Master of Scotland.

VII.

"The contracting parties shall be at liberty to send reciprocally a Legate to be accredited to each other respectively, either permanently or in extraordinary mission, and such Legate shall receive all the honors due to his representative position in either country, taking precedence immediately after the Deputy Grand Master.

"The above Articles having been agreed upon by the above Plenipotentiaries, the same shall be ratified, and the ratifications exchanged within two months, or sooner, if possible.

"In witness whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 27th day of November, A.D. 1868.

"J. F. TOWNSEND. [L.S.]

"P. MAC C. DE COLQUHOUN. [L.S.]"

The Grand Commander thus concludes his able address:

"Yes, the spirit of chivalry still lives. We war not, as did the Knights of old, with axe, and mace, and lance; whose law was sturdy blows, and whose demand

for justice was made at the point of the sword. No; our weapons are honor, truth and integrity. We tap gently at the door of the heart, and seek to gain admission there by the law of love and kindness.

"The tree planted in Palestine eighteen hundred years ago, and nurtured by saints, and watered by the blood of martyrs, has thriven well. Its roots are now ramifying every part of the habitable globe, and under its sheltering branches all may come. It has borne its fruits, for amid its purple foliage may be seen, on its lower branches, asylums for the deaf, dumb and blind; and higher up we shall discover others for the aged, and friendless, and the poor cast-away; still further on are homes for the widow and orphan; and as we ascend among the richer hue, we find the whole crowned with an apple, not that of discord, but a golden one, whose heart is of pure crystal, enclosed in which is the law of Him whose cross we bear.

"Let us, then, as Christian Knights, ever keep before the mind the vows we have taken. The widow, the orphan, the needy and helpless, are around us on every hand; let us, then, be ever ready to extend to them the protecting hand; and let us put behind us the vices of the day, so that our lives may stand forth as the exponent of that high character to which, as Knights Templar, we lay claim.

"Sir Knights, I feel that I have but feebly drawn the parallel between chivalry and its teachings in the olden time, and that of the present day. I would to Heaven that some kind spirit from the unseen land would touch me with the wand of Prometheus, that I might write in characters of living light of the sublime precepts of our Order, which, truly followed, will lead to happiness here, and life eternal hereafter.

"And as the tempest-tossed mariner, after years of weary toil, looks to the Polar star to guide him homeward bound, so shall we, when our journey is done, and the toil and the strife of the day is o'er, see in the heavens the glittering star of Christian Knighthood to guide us to the Grand Encampment above."

Sir John W. Simons presents his seventeenth annual report of twenty-two Grand Commanderies, which is every way equal, if not superior, to any that may have preceded it. Illinois receives attention.

He says:

"The Committee on Correspondence, in presenting the Seventeenth Annual Review of the Transactions of the several Grand Commanderies in the United States, congratulate the jurisdiction upon the ever-increasing prosperity and stability of the Order. Differences of opinion on mooted topics still exist, but but they can only justly be regarded as the indications of healthful interest in whatever pertains to the working of the system, and it were infinitely better that thus some errors should be tolerated, than that we should fall into the listless apathy that will neither assert nor combat. As it is, a zealous interest is manifested, and the Order is making tangible progress, not only in numbers but in a better knowledge of the details of our business, and a closer appreciation of the great principles upon which the Order rests. We note, too, with exceeding pleasure, universal acquiescence in the belief so often expressed by this Committee, that a general and generous adherence to the National Organization is the key-

note of our success, and the sure way to strengthen the Order and increase the influence exerted by it. We are fast approaching uniformity in all the leading ideas of the institution, and demonstrating that we can be united in one general organization, without losing sight of our domestic rights and interests, and without in any way subjecting ourselves to the dangers which so many worthy knights seem to dread as likely to be the result of centralization.

"Viewing the steady progress of the past twenty years, and the marvellous change that has been wrought in that time, by steady pursuit of objects that have been, or are being realized, we are justified in the belief that we shall reach a moral attitude infinitely beyond the wildest dreams of the founders of the Order in this country, and worthy to be written on the page of history side by side with the achievements of the valiant knights whose name we bear, and whose magnanimous deeds we seek to emulate.

"Let us hope that the zeal and devotion of the past may be continued in the future, and that, with serried ranks, we may continue to move steadily forward in the continuous battle we have undertaken to wage.

New York has 47 Commanderies; 4737 Members; 784 created. Next annual Conclave will be held at Utica, October 11, 1871.

OHIO.

The twenty-seventh annual Conclave (assembly or meeting, as it is termed in the proceedings) was held at Cleveland, October 14, 1869. R. E. Sir Heman Ely, Grand Commander, E. Sir Jno. D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder. Thirteen subordinates represented.

The Commander, in his address, which is principally devoted to Templar Masonry in the jurisdiction, thus speaks of the favorable circumstances under which this Grand Commandery assembles :

"In the statement made at your annual Conclave of 1864, thirteen of the fifteen Commanderies composing the subordinates of this Grand Commandery reported a membership of 694; the two failing to report that year being Cyprus, No. 10, and Athens, No. 15, which, in the following year, reported 96 members, which, added to the former number, gives 790 Sir Knights in the State of Ohio, members of the several Commanderies, twenty-one years after the organization of this Body, and forty-six years after the formation of the first Commandery in this State

"Five years since there was no uniformity in the costume used in the several Commanderies, some making use of that which was in use some twenty years since, a few having provided themselves with the costume prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and by far the larger portion being wholly destitute of any Templar equipments. Five years since—yes, even one year since, but little proficiency had been made in any of our Commanderies in Templar drill; and no one of those Commanderies would have been disposed to enter the lists with many Commanderies of adjoining States. In short, in almost everything pertaining to the efficient working of Bodies of Knights, save only the conferring of the orders of Knighthood in the Asylum, there was wanting nearly

all that is calculated to animate Bodies of Knights to endeavor to perfect themselves in the various departments of Knighthood.

"From the statement herewith submitted, it appears that the fifteen Commanderies embraced within our jurisdiction in 1864, now report a membership of 1,526, to which should be added 46 Sir Knights created in Commanderies working under Dispensation, making a total of 1,572, very nearly double the number of five years since. Now, a uniformity of costume is found in all our Commanderies, and the wise provision incorporated into your statutes of 1868, requiring every Sir Knight created in all our Commanderies, to provide himself with the costume adopted by this Grand Commandery, within three months from the time of being created a Templar, is securing the adoption of the same costume by those who have heretofore been destitute of any, or have used that which has long since been superseded by the action of the Grand Encampment of the United States."

These encouraging prospects he attributes to the gratifying settlement of the difficulties between this Grand Body and the Grand Encampment of the United States. The removal of the restriction of forty miles seems to work favorably. Five Dispensations for new Commanderies issued. The applications of three others refused for reasons.

The Grand Commandery, while recognizing the propriety of the appointment of representatives between Grand Commanderies, holds to the opinion that a Grand Commander, while in office, should not accept such appointment, and further, denies the right of such appointment conferring any rank or title upon the recipient, under the statutes.

Two questions of jurisprudence had been decided, which the Grand Commander deemed of sufficient importance to bring before the Grand Body. The decisions in each, which, we think, will stand the test of law:

1st. "Was, that a Sir Knight could not be an active member of two Commanderies at the same time.

2nd. "Was as to the disposition of a case, arising in one of our Commanderies, where a member, on removing to a distant State, applied for a dimit, which was refused, while no charges were preferred, nor any known to exist, which should subject the Sir Knight to discipline in his Commandery. My decision in this case was, that the Commandery must either grant a dimit or institute specific charges, and place the Sir Knight on trial. One or the other he had a right to demand."

V. E. Sir Kent Jarvis, Grand Generalissimo of the M. E. Grand Encampment of the United States was announced, admitted under escort, and received with knightly honors becoming his station, and addressed the Grand Commandery.

Sir Robert Gwynn presented an able Report on Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the transactions of nineteen Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1868, receives courteous mention.

The Templar's Manual, as published under the authority of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, was adopted.

A proposition to repeal the statute requiring the petitioner to provide himself with the costume within three months, was lost.

The Grand Commandery was in session four days, attending religious services on the Sabbath, at Grace Church, and a Templars' banquet on Tuesday night closed the exercises.

R. E. Sir Heman Ely, of Elyria, was elected Grand Commander, E. Sir John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Recorder.

Ohio has 22 Commanderies, 1,526 members, 182 created.

The next annual Conclave held at Cincinnati, Sept. 13, 1870.

PENNSYLVANIA.

By the kindness of a friend, we are in receipt of the proceedings of the seventeenth annual Conclave, THE SEVENTY-THIRD FROM ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA, held at Camp Rose Croix, at Williamsport, June 14, 1870, R. E. Sir James H. Hopkins, Grand Commander. Thirty-four Subordinates represented, and many distinguished visitors present, who were greeted with the following address of welcome by the Grand Commander, replied to by the lamented Past Grand Master Benjamin B. French :

" EMINENT SIR KNIGHTS: We fully appreciate the courtesy of this visit, and thank you for it. We cordially greet you, not alone because of your recognized zeal and abilities within your several jurisdictions, nor because of the honors you have there won in the service of our illustrious Order; but we hail your presence as illustrative of one of the great charms of our extended Brotherhood. You have come from your distant homes, and stand amidst unknown and unfamiliar faces, and yet you find no strangers here, and you are not received as such; but you meet those wearing the same insignia, speaking the same symbolic language, animated by the same holy purposes, and seeking the same grand ends. You find here no sectarian bigotry, no narrow sectional jealousy, no partisan rancor, no social strife; but each recognizes all the others as his brothers, bound by the tenderest, yet strongest ties.

" In the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, we welcome you to our Grand Conclave. Our hearts are open as our tents. Enter and partake of our warmest sympathy and Knightly hospitality."

The address of the Grand Commander is principally devoted to the business of the jurisdiction. He had visited the several Commanderies during the year, beside being present at the semi-centennial anniversary of St. John's Commandery, No. 4. In this connection he explains why St. John's, being the oldest Commandery, ranks as No. 4 :

" When the two Grand Bodies united, St. John's was recognized as the oldest, and was given the precedence. At a subsequent Conclave, at her own request, she was permitted to take her old number."

He makes the following, among quite a number of decisions :

" An Eminent Commander cannot of his own motion suspend a Knight. If the Knight is unruly the E. C. may order his arrest and removal from the Asylum; may prefer charges against him, and have him duly tried and punished, as the case may warrant.

"If charges against a Knight are prosecuted to judgment of acquittal, the Knight cannot be again tried upon the same charges. But if before final judgment any informality should be discovered in the course of the trial, the Commandery may allow a discontinuance of the pending proceedings to be entered. The case will then stand as if nothing had been done, and a new prosecution may be instituted in the regular way.

"It is not *necessary* for petitions for the Orders of Knighthood to lie over one month, unless the By-Laws so require. Great care should be taken, however, in the exercise of this power, not to hurry through any but those thoroughly known and entirely unobjectionable.

"An Eminent Commander may order a re-ballot as often as he pleases. It is in his discretion, to be exercised under his sense of duty and right.

"The removal to a distant locality by an officer of a Commandery, so as to render himself unable to discharge his duties, is an abandonment of the office, and the Commandery may thereupon declare the office vacant.

"No specified length of absence is necessary. The fact of removal, with the intention of residing elsewhere, is the essential thing. This fact being certified to the Grand Commander, he will grant a Dispensation to hold an election.

"The Orders of Knighthood cannot be conferred by an Eminent Commander upon any one, unless he shall have been regularly elected.

"After the election of a Companion, it is within the power of a Knight, being a member of the Commandery, to prevent the Orders being conferred, by openly objecting thereto in the Body of the Commandery.

"This power should be exercised with discrimination and conscientiousness, but yet with firmness, should occasion demand it."

He offers the following suggestions, equally applicable to all jurisdictions :

"1. It is quite evident that the honors of this rank are too easily attainable. Our personal friendships, or a desire to swell the muster roll, often cause the most careful to relax in favor of good men. These very men who are hurried through would have a higher appreciation of the favor shown them if it could not be procured so readily. There is also danger that the doors, untimely opened for the worthy, may let in others unfit for this fellowship. Hence I recommend that no petition be received from any one who has not been at least six months a Royal Arch Mason, and that a full month intervene between the reception of the petition and the ballot, and between the conferring of the several Orders.

"2. That the Order of Malta be conferred in full in all cases.

"3. That petitioners for a Dispensation to form a new Commandery be required to withdraw from membership in other Commanderies before the Dispensation be granted.

"4. That the Knights recommended as officers of new Commanderies be examined by the Grand Commander, or under his authority, in one of the nearest Commanderies, before such Commandery shall consent to the formation of a new one.

"5. That there be prepared a careful digest of Templar law, as settled by the action of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of this Grand Body,

and by the decisions of the chief officer of each. This is the more necessary because there is a conflict of authority in several cases."

And in conclusion says:

"Thinking to add to the attractiveness of the present Conclave, promote increased interest in our Order, and to contribute to our social enjoyment, I issued the following orders:

"GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.

"PITTSBURGH, PA., May 12, 1870.

"I. The several Commanderies under this jurisdiction will report themselves, fully armed and equipped, at Williamsport, Pa., on Tuesday, June 14, 1870, at noon, to go into camp for drill and general instruction. The Encampment will break up on Friday, June 17.

"II. The several Eminent Commanders will at once make requisition for tents, upon E. Sir F. J. Evans, G. S. W., stating the number of men to be provided for (including band, if one accompanies them); all other necessary camp equipments will be provided by the Commissary of each Commandery, and each will make its own arrangement for subsistence, which may be secured by correspondence with E. Sir John Vanderslice, G. S., at Williamsport, Pa.

"III. All Knights entering the Encampment will be required to observe the orders and regulations that may be issued for the government thereof.

"IV. Baldwin II. Commandery is hereby detailed for escort duty to the several Commanderies, as they shall arrive, and its officers will see that all arrangements are made for the accommodation of the visiting Knights. Communications relative to tents, etc., may be addressed to Sir J. W. Hays, E. C., Williamsport, who will act for the G. S. W. in his absence.

"V. The Grand Commandery will assemble at the hour prescribed by the Constitution, and its sessions will be as may then be determined.

"By order of

"JAMES H. HOPKINS,

"Grand Commander.

"ALFRED CREIGH,

"Grand Recorder."

"As a result, you see this well organized camp; its white tents, emblematic of our peaceful purpose; and its hundreds of gallant Knights, armed, equipped, and drilled for the manly and noble, albeit civil conflict, under our inspiring beauseant and beautiful standard, which glitters in the sunlight. More valiant and worthier Knights never assembled upon the plains of Palestine, or achieved so much for Christian progress, as these may and will if true to their professions. I trust the project and its results will meet your approbation.

"And now, Sir Knights, my duties have ended. I congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances under which we have assembled. During the past year six hundred and fifty have enlisted under our banners, have taken the vows of our Order, and are wielding the symbolic sword with energy and zeal. The compact

ranks of the Old Guard move steadily on, while the new legions press with impetuous ardor and enthusiastic purpose to win distinction by heroic endeavor and grand achievement. With a full measure of pride in the great prosperity of our Order, and with more gratitude than I can ever express, but which I can never cease to feel, for the ceaseless kindness and warm attachment everywhere manifested toward me, and with a fervent parting prayer for your individual happiness and general welfare, I await your annual election to surrender the sword of office to my successor."

During the debate on a proposition to increase the fee for conferring the Orders, the following decision was made by the Grand Commander:

"That no Subordinate has a right to confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty dollars; which amount cannot, by vote of the Commandery, be remitted, in whole or in part."

A Committee on Statutes, Forms, etc., present the following in their report:

"There is one subject of vital importance connected therewith, which is of the utmost importance, and which your Committee at this time does not feel fully justified in reporting upon. It is the introduction of the *Past Eminent Commander's Degree*, a degree which has been used in Europe for three quarters of a century; and we have in our archives the written evidence of its being conferred in Pennsylvania, in 1814, by authority of the Grand Commandery of this State. The official ritual is in the possession of the Committee, and we believe it would add materially to elucidate an historical fact to the Templar."

In the language of the immortal Sam. Graham, we say, "Wait, boys, wait!"

The hour having arrived, the Grand Commandery formed in procession, and, escorted by twelve hundred Knights, with music and banners, marched to Herdic Park, where the Grand Officers were installed by the retiring Grand Commander, after which ceremonies the Rev. Sir J. I. McIllyer pronounced the oration, and the Grand Commandery returned to camp.

Sir Charles E. Mayer presents the Report on Correspondence, but, owing to the short time allowed for the preparation of the report, only a digest of the proceedings is made.

R. E. Sir Henry B. McKean, of Towanda, was elected Grand Commander, E. Sir Alfred Creigh, of Washington, Grand Recorder.

Pennsylvania has 37 Commanderies; 3,161 members; 705 created.

The next annual Conclave will be held at Harrisburg, June 13, 1871.

TENNESSEE.

The eighth annual Conclave was held at Nashville, May 10, 1870. R. E. Sir Joseph M. Towler, Grand Commander.

Nine Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is principally devoted to matters in his own jurisdiction. He heartily approves of the Grand Representative system, and has accordingly appointed representatives at nearly all the sister Grand Commanderies.

As regards the ritual, he thinks :

"The American Rite might be simplified, and reduced to greater consonance with the English and Scotch. The Council and Red Cross I would incorporate with the Chapter, endeavoring to consolidate the three into the simplicity and compactness of Symbolic Degrees of the Blue Lodge. Thus I would modify the Commandery, making it comprise only the two Orders of the Temple and of Malta, so as to conform to the same Orders abroad."

And, in conclusion, he remarks that :

"Templar Masonry continues in a flourishing condition in our jurisdiction. The members are composed of the best men in our community, who are generally imbued with a warm love for their association, and the principles it teaches. We may look for an increase of Commanderies, in various sections of our State, and are assured that the interest already awakened will not be allowed to die down "

The Grand Commandery, at an expense of three hundred dollars, appropriated to themselves a set of jewels of solid gold, studded with jewels.

On the second day of the session the Grand Commandery proceeded to the concert room of the Masonic Temple, where an eloquent public address was delivered by the R. E. Grand Commander, "on the supremacy of truth over ignorance and infidelity." On the third day a parade was had, including an inspection and review, and an ovation from the pupils of a female seminary, who showered flowers upon the Knights in rich profusion.

The Manual of Tactics and Drill, as adopted and published by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, was adopted, and a resolution adopted to present an elegant Templars' banner, at the next annual Conclave, to the subordinate Commandery showing the greatest proficiency in tactics and drill.

The Grand Representative system adopted, and several Eminent Knights received and accredited as representatives. Sir Henry Sheffield, in behalf of Connecticut, presented the Grand Commandery with a Passion Cross and nutmeg carved from the old Charter Oak.

Sir George S. Blackie presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-four Grand Commanderies; the Grand Encampment of the United States, and the Grand Conclaves of England, Scotland and Ireland.

As the latter may be of interest to the Knights of Illinois, we have copied the same in full :

GRAND CONCLAVE OF MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

1868.

"We have received the 'Calendar of the Masonic Knights Templar and Knights of Malta for 1868-9.' Also, a very kind letter from the Grand Chancellor, in which he expresses the warmest personal regards and good wishes for the Knights of Tennessee.

"The Grand Officers of the year are: Sir Knight William Stuart, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master; Sir Knight the Reverend J. Huyshe, Very High and Eminent Deputy Grand Master; thirty-one Provincial Grand Masters, and

thirty-seven other officers, to enumerate whom would require too much of our space. Several of them are peers of the realm, and many are men of high social and literary position.

"The roll of Encampments shows that there are one hundred and five in active operation, of which there are six (those of Nottingham, Hull, Exeter, Bristol, and two in London) the dates of whose Warrants are 'Immemorial.' The Encampments are chiefly in England, but also in many parts of the British possessions all over the globe, East and West Indies, Gibraltar, Canada, Australia, Malta, Nova Scotia, China, etc. Thirty-nine have Pories of the Order of Knights of Malta attached.

"To judge from the official detail, the ceremonies of opening the Grand Conclave must be imposing and splendid.

"Various Provincial Grand Commanders 'attended, and did homage on their appointment.' 'They were present to do this for their Provinces, and to take the oath of fealty, as of ancient rite accustomed.'

"There is something grand and massive in the language of the report. We feel insensibly transported to the Middle Ages, and feel that peculiarly 'luscious roll' of the tongue, which Dickens ascribed to Mr. Wilkins Micawber, when reading his official documents. We find that ten new Encampments were formed, and five became extinct. The most important portion of the year's work is the Convention which had been concluded with the Grand Priory of Scotland, through the two Plenipotentiaries, Captain William Hamilton Ramsay, Knight Commander and Prior of the Lothians (and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in the Grand Lodge of Scotland), on the one hand, and Sir Knight Sir Patrick Mac Chombaich de Colquhoun (another Scotchman, judging from his name), Grand Chancellor of the Grand Encampment of England. This Convention was ratified on October 8, 1867, and established: 1st, laws of full and mutual recognition of the rank of each, and their individual members; 2nd, settles the jurisdiction of each; 3rd, resolves to appoint Commissioners to agree upon statutes, laws, ordinances, forms, rituals, and such other matters; 4th, declares that all judgments, decrees, and sentences, made in either jurisdiction, shall be valid in both; 5th, agrees that copies of all judicial acts, expulsions, suspensions, etc., shall be furnished by each to the other; 6th, agrees that neither party shall recognize any other jurisdiction in any part of British territory, so long as a duly authorized Grand Master does not exist in that country [an exception is made in the case of Ireland, and an agreement made that the Grand Master thereof be invited, as soon as convenient, to accede to this Convention]; 7th, that each shall send to the other a Legate, who shall receive all the honors due to his representative position, and take precedence after the Deputy Grand Master. This action, it is believed, will lead to much good throughout the world in Templar Masonry. By combined action, the Order will be greatly increased in power and importance.

"An address to the Queen, assuring her of the deep sympathy of the members of the Order with her in the late severe trial to which she had been subjected [the attempted assassination of the Prince, Duke of Edinburgh, in Australia], and

fervent congratulations on the escape of her Royal son, was moved and sent, and was graciously acknowledged by the Sovereign.

"The Committee congratulates the Order in the Dominion of Canada on its election to remain true to its old allegiance.

"In accordance with the wish of the Order in British North America, Col. W. J. Bury McLeod Moore assumes the title of the Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada, and received a present of the insignia of his office from the Grand Master. Several distinguished Knights of Canada were appointed to be Past Grand Captains of England. The suggestion of the Grand Prior of Canada to appoint a representative in the United States, has been acted upon, and, on his recommendation, Sir Knight Alfred Creigh, LL.D., has been selected for that distinction.

"The legislation in regard to our Fraters in Canada seems particularly indulgent. The Grand Prior of Canada is authorized to retain the total sum levied within the jurisdiction for the benevolent fund, for its own uses; and, also, half of the general fees levied in that jurisdiction.

1869.

"We have received the 'Calendar of the Masonic Knights Templar of England' for the year commencing May 14, 1869. Sir Knight William Stuart is again elected the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, and there are no fewer than seventy other officers enumerated. There are now one hundred and ten Encampments, about one-third of which have Priories of the Order of Malta attached. During the year, no new Encampments have been formed, nor old ones dropped. The total number of members is 2,302, being an increase of 211 since last report. The increase in the numbers of existing Encampments is wisely regarded as a surer index of prosperity than the formation of new Bodies.

"New steps have been taken by which more responsibility has been thrown on the Provinces, and the expense of management at headquarters lessened, while the old system of absolute centralization is being gradually done away with.

"A Convention with the Liston Grand Encampment of Ireland, similar in nature with that concluded with the Grand Priory of Scotland, has been signed, and will come shortly into operation.

"The decease of Sir Knight Berchell Herne, one of the oldest and most attentive members of the Body, is announced.

"An error in the rubric of the ritual of the Order of Malta has been corrected, and the office of Eminent Commander of the Temple and Prior will now run *pari passu*. Formerly the Eminent Commander was elected annually, and the Prior for two years, so that it occasionally occurred that an Eminent Commander was not a Prior. The amendment makes each office elective annually.

CHAPTER GENERAL OF THE RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE FOR SCOTLAND.

"The Chapter General meets in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, annually, on the eleventh of March, being the anniversary of the Immolation of Jacques de Molay,

when the election of Grand Officers takes place. We refer our Fraters to a very full account of this Grand Body in Vol. I. page 345, of the 'Masonic Record,' published at Nashville, which we regret that we have not space enough to transcribe. This branch of our Order claims to be, historically, the only branch in which the direct succession has been uninterrupted, as Scotland, alone, of the European powers, never passed laws of persecution against the Knights Templar. Prior to 1850 there was, however, not a full union with these Knights and Freemasonry, and some members were admitted, in certain cases, who were not Royal Arch Masons. This is now abolished. There are several grades of Knights. After a Novice has been made a Knight, he may remain as such in what is regarded as the democratic branch of the Order, or he may receive the Grand Master's Patent, on showing certain proofs of gentlemanly descent for several generations, education, etc. This constitutes him a Knight Companion. Commissions as Knights Commander are granted to those who have been distinguished in Knighthood, and entitle the holder to a high rank in the Grand Council and Chapter General of the Order. Knights Grand Cross are also made, but the honor is chiefly confined to Princes, Peers, and Past Grand Officers. It is not usual to publish any proceedings, but, from time to time an edition of the 'Statutes' is issued, which brings up a history of the Order. We have seen none since that of 1856, which is, we believe, the last. One is now being prepared.

"For the present year, Sir J. W. Melville, of Bennoch, is Grand Master; Viscount Strathallan, Seneschal; the Earl of Rosslyn, Preceptor; Captain W. H. Ramsay, Registrar, and the Earl of Haddington, Constable.

"There are four Pories at work, one of which is New Brunswick.

THE GRAND CONCLAVE OF HIGH KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF IRELAND.

"The 'Bulletin' we have received from this Body embraces little more than the names of the Grand Officers for 1869, the chief of whom are: His Grace the Duke of Leinster, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master; Sir Edward R. Borough, Baronet, Deputy Grand Master; Robert W. Skeleton, Grand Captain General; Charles T. Walmsley, Grand Recorder.

"The seat of the Grand Conclave is at Dublin, and there are thirty Encampments, of which nine are in the capital."

R. E. Sir Achilles D. Sears, of Clarksville, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Recorder.

Tennessee has 9 Commanderies; 684 members; 91 created.

TEXAS.

The annual Conclave was held at Houston, June 13, 1870. R. E. Sir W. B. Botts, Grand Commander, E. Sir Robert Brewster, Grand Recorder. Five Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is entirely local. One Dispensation for a new Commandery issued, to which a Charter was granted. A request of Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 1, of New Orleans, to confer the Orders upon

two Companions residing a very long distance from any Commandery in Texas, was refused by the Grand Commander, for the reason that permission must come from the nearest Commandery in whose jurisdiction the applicants reside.

Permission was granted to applicants residing more than fifty miles from any Commandery, to make application to any Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery.

Sir Robert M. Elgin presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty Grand Commanderies. Illinois failed to reach our Texas Fraters, although duly sent by Uncle Samuel

He says :

"We do not approach the task as a Knight, booted, spurred and mounted for the tournament, prepared for a tilt with whomsoever we meet, and anxious to measure weapons with any who felt in like condition. But we come like one seeking for light, and anxious only to receive and disseminate it for the benefit of our brethren. This, with a laudable regard for the opinions of others, and we trust a not too vain desire for the favorable notice of our sister Commanderies, induces us to review, as minutely as our limited space will permit, the several proceedings before us." And yet he seems as one who knows whereof he writes.

In conclusion he says :

"Take it all in all, peace and prosperity reign supreme in the whole jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. We hope the little cloud that hangs over Virginia may soon be dispelled ; that justice will prevail ; that Sir Knights will see that their representatives, who declined bringing the matter of withdrawal before the Grand Encampment, acted wisely.

"The spirit of free converse so long promoted by the interchange of fraternal greetings by the various committees on foreign correspondence, is increased by the very general adoption of the representative system, which has found favor in almost every jurisdiction. Those ancient States, Virginia and Massachusetts, have thus far declined to adopt it, but we believe they are the only exceptions. We hope that practical good will result from its adoption, and that it will not only promote good feeling, but that it will bring about uniformity in work and usage, and be the means of reconciling whatever differences may arise between them. With these evidences of harmony before us, it becomes us to show our thanks by walking in accordance with the holy teachings of our Order, and by a zealous warfare against whatever may tend to divert its great moral, religious and charitable aims."

The Committee on Work and Drill were ordered to report next year the best work on the subject.

R. E. Sir F. B. Sexton, of San Augustine, was elected Grand Commander, E. Sir Robert Brewster, Grand Recorder.

Texas has 8 Commanderies ; 218 members ; 39 created.

The next annual Conclave held at Houston, June 12, 1871.

VERMONT.

The annual Conclave was held at Burlington, June 14, 1870. R. E. Sir Russell S. Taft, Grand Commander, E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder, six chartered and one Commandery U. D. represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, which is principally of a local character, says :

"Our statutes are so full and plain, so easily understood, that so far as the business of this Grand Body is concerned, it could with propriety change from annual to triennial Conclaves."

One Dispensation issued for a new Commandery. He discusses the matter of the ritual, quoting the decision of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, "that the Ritual of the order should not be written," and also presents a reply to the question by Grand Master Gardner, in which he says, "that this decision is not intended to prevent Commanders making such minutes as would aid the memory."

After a careful examination of the subject, he is satisfied that the work among the subordinates is correct. The "Potter Work" was the ritual introduced with the Order in the State, and to correct errors, he advises a special Conclave for a thorough examination and comparison of the work of the several subordinates.

Speaking of a general Field Encampment, he says :

"While an occasion of that kind can be made exceedingly pleasant and agreeable if well carried out, did it ever occur to you that our Commanderies, with costumes varying in number from three to twenty, would make rather a sorry spectacle in a military point of view. Our valiant Sir Knights, without costumes or swords, would, as a matter of course, desire to take part in the good things of such an entertainment, and with all my prejudices in favor of the regulation uniform, I could hardly refuse them a place in the ranks. Consider, then, what a gay appearance we should make with our regular costumes, our old-fashioned ones, black coats, and linen coats, straw hats and fatigue caps, Damascus blades and wooden swords; well might the witches of Shakspeare's time exclaim :

'Black spirits and white,
Red spirits and gray,
Mingle, mingle, mingle,
You that mingle may.'

And advises, should it be resolved to hold one, "the selection of a camping ground as far as possible from the Canadian borders, for I feel assured that with the *green* insignia of the Red Cross we should be taken for a straggling company of Fenian cavalry, and I have no desire, while I am at your head, to cultivate the acquaintance of United States Marshal Foster. Then, again, we have no banners; just think of an army with no flag. Uniform yourselves, then, Sir Knights, and as soon as we can make a creditable appearance we will take the field."

The Grand Commander still clings to the prerogative of the Grand Commander to grant Dispensations to ballot at special Conclaves. We have always thought it

best, where there was a doubt as to the legality of a question at issue, to give the doubt the benefit.

Sir Thaddeus S. Stuart presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews tersely the transactions of twenty Grand Bodies. Illinois for 1869 receives attention.

In conclusion, he says:

"In looking over the reports of the Grand Bodies we have received, it appears there is a general view of approval in reference to uniformity of work, and of representation near other Grand Bodies. Quite a number of Commanderies have appointed such representative during the year. The increase of the Order has been very rapid in some of the States, while in others little advancement has been made. The principles of our Order are more fully appreciated than what they have heretofore been; yet there are localities where the old Anti-Masonic viper rears his head with venom charged, and vainly endeavors to infuse the deadly poison through the veins of Church and State—thereby to undermine our structure and bring ruin to that institution which has never done them harm.

"To the worthy corps of reporters, with whom we have traveled through the pilgrimage of another year, we say, *adieu*; and may our ever Blessed Immanuel crown you with His loving kindness here, and afterwards receive you to His eternal abode."

R. E. Sir Russell R. Taft was elected Grand Commander, E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder.

Vermont has 7 Commanderies; 398 members; 45 created.

VIRGINIA.

The annual Conclave (Assembly) was held at Richmond, December 16, 1869, R. E. Sir John R. McDaniel, Grand Commander, E. Sir John Dove, Grand Recorder. Nine Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, thus speaks of the departed P. G. Commander, Sir E. H. Gill:

"My first official act was to issue a circular letter, announcing the sad event of the loss of our Grand Commander, and ordering a special Assembly of each, that they might, in a befitting manner, testify the respect due to the memory of the lamented, the honored dead.

"The memory of E. H. Gill will ever be dear to all. His absence from this Assembly is most deeply felt; his annual greetings we shall enjoy no more; his enthusiastic devotion to the Order we shall not see equalled. A brilliant light of life has been extinguished; the shades of gloom still hang heavy around our hearts, but relieved by the assurance felt that it has been re-lighted in another and a better world. His sun sunk cloudless in the west; its glittering splendor, gilding his departing moments with the gentler tints of hope, closed his career in peace, harmony, and brotherly love."

Three Dispensations for new Chapters were issued during the year, one in West Virginia.

Speaking of the Order in the jurisdiction, he says :

" This Grand Body numbers sixteen Subordinates, and of these only nine may be said to be in operation, and three under Dispensation, all reporting an affiliation of only about seven hundred, scarcely ten per cent. of the affiliated Master Masons within this jurisdiction. It seems such a field should attract more attention, not for the purpose of increasing numbers for the sake of numbers, but certainly there are many, very many, of the good and true who, with laudable and well-directed efforts, might be brought within the pale of Knighthood, and thus aid in diffusing more generally the benign influence of Knightly teaching. It is not necessary, nor would it be proper, to solicit members, but were we to put our camp thoroughly in order, keep our armor always bright and shining, and aspire with commendable zeal to merit a well-earned fame for acts of charity and pure beneficence—seek to combine the *valiant warrior* and the *good Samaritan*—those of our faith would be attracted hither, most desirous to be admitted to the honors and rewards that await the valiant Templar."

The Grand Commander is of opinion that Subordinates are not sufficiently influenced by merit in the selection of officers, and thinks good might result by a general law of forfeiture of office, in case of failure to attend, without reasons, a certain number of consecutive meetings; also, that non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter ought not to debar from the Templar degrees; and that suspension for non-payment of dues ought not to affect the standing in the Commandery. To the two latter we beg to dissent.

In conclusion, he says :

" When, Sir Knights, we shall have accomplished our labors here, and go forth to enter again into the actual pursuits of life, let us ever be mindful of our profession; to keep inviolate our vows and promises; to habituate ourselves to the exercise of patience and perseverance; to prove our constancy and courage on all befitting occasions; and to forget not to deport ourselves as children of humility.

" Our benevolence should be universal, our honor unsullied, and our zeal unabated in a Brother's cause. And with a firm reliance upon the promises to the truly penitent, again and oft with the emblems of humility and faith in view, let us kneel at the shrine of our departed Lord and Master. And may that blissful future we should ever look to and labor for, become to us all, finally, an eternal present."

The matter of territorial jurisdiction and of permanent separation from the Grand Encampment, was referred to a special committee, to report at the next annual Conclave.

The Grand Representative system was not adopted.

Sir James A. Scott and others present a report on Correspondence, in which they courteously review the transactions of sixteen Grand Bodies, among them Illinois for 1868. The Committee say, in conclusion :

" We have read these proceedings with much pleasure, and we tender the Grand Recorder of each Commandery our thanks for his courtesy in furnishing us copies. They are full of interesting reading and valuable information. Coming from the

extreme north, the extreme west, and the extreme south, they do not contain, as far as we have been able to discover, a single sectional allusion or political utterance, which convinces us that 'bye-gones' are 'bye-gones' in our Asylums, and that, as Templars, we hail with satisfaction the peace and prosperity of these United States; and that, with hearts full of hope, we can say, "God speed" to each and every portion of this vast country.

"In some of these reports there are objectionable features, which, we think, out of place, and, as we have intimated, are introduced more for the display of a gifted pen, or a knowledge of those mysteries which do not belong to Templar Masonry, than for any benefit they can confer upon the Order. We would prefer that, instead of being obliged to wade through pages of discussion in regard to 'Rites,' the Grand Commander should present to us such matters of interest as are transpiring in our sister jurisdictions, and such discussions as may be of importance to us as a Commandery; thereby avoiding all useless discussion, and preventing controversies which never result in good, but often in mischief and alienation of feeling. A report from a Committee on Foreign Correspondence is nothing, after all, but the individual opinion of the author, and unless sanctioned by the Body for which it is prepared, carries no authority with it. We know that these reports, when attached to the proceedings of the Grand Bodies, have been sanctioned; but we would fain hope that much of the matter contained in some of the reports we have alluded to in these pages, were never heard by the Bodies for whom it was apparently intended.

"The condition of Templar Masonry, in all the jurisdictions that have honored us with a copy of their proceedings, is very flourishing. Some of the Commanders refer to the rapid growth of the Order in terms of complaint, and fear that too little attention is paid to the character of applicants. With proper caution at the ballot-box, we earnestly hope it may continue to increase, and that our Commanderies, all over the country, may present an array of names and an amount of influence in proportion to the magnitude of the principles Templar Masonry is intended to inculcate."

We cordially endorse the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we believe the Order of Knighthood would grow rapidly in favor of those within, if the officers would be punctual in their attendance, efficient and accomplished in their work, thorough in their discipline, and admitted none but the true and noble; and that our numbers would rapidly increase if the Sir Knights would fully and honestly live up to the teachings of the Order."

R. E. Sir John R. McDaniel was re elected Grand Commander, E. Sir John Dove, Grand Recorder."

Virginia has 14 Subordinates; 534 members; 45 created.

WISCONSIN.

The eleventh annual Conclave was held at Milwaukee, January 19, 1870, K. E. Sir William H. Hiner, Grand Commander, E. Sir William T. Palmer, Grand Recorder. Seven Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is a short, business-like production, going to the bottom of the matters in hand by the shortest possible route.

No application for new Commanderies being made during the year, the Grand Commander comes to the conclusion that a closer scrutiny of the qualifications of candidates is being practiced.

He had visited the several Subordinates during the year, and finds them all, save one, in a satisfactory condition. This difficulty grew out of the edict of the Grand Commandery, in reference to the Memphis Rite, of which he says :

"Whether this Grand Body should have trusted to the equivocal circumstances under which and by which this Rite was introduced into this jurisdiction for its final condemnation, or interposed the interdict it did, was not, and is not, a matter for individual judgment to decide.

"The foundation on which our Order rests, is that of implicit obedience to the mandates of superior authority."

He recommends that the Grand Commandery require, by standing resolution, that subordinate Commanderies furnish the full equipment to the newly-created member; and that provision be made requiring the maintenance of membership in the Lodge or Chapter.

In conclusion, he says :

"In my intercourse with Sir Knights, it has been my constant endeavor to keep prominently in the foreground the necessity of fidelity in the practice of those great and sublime principles we teach. Christian Knighthood has a high and holy mission to perform. True, we are not called upon as ancient Templars were, to perform those acts of temporal warfare which made them renowned throughout the world.

"Our mission is to carry forward those peaceful, bloodless triumphs of Truth and Charity, that alleviate the sorrow and suffering incident to frail humanity.

"Proficiency in our Ritual and drill, and the ceremonies incident to our Order, is of great importance; but in the consistency of daily practice with the great principles we teach, are fraught consequences that extend far beyond the few days and years of this fleeting existence."

Sir Harlon Pease presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of seventeen Grand Bodies. He says :

"Your Committee had indulged the hope that this year we might be able to present a complete review of the proceedings of all our sister Grand Bodies. But we are disappointed, having received tidings from only seventeen, and of these five are for the year 1868.

"The system of Fraternal Correspondence adopted by nearly all the Masonic Grand Bodies in America, is without doubt one of the strongest bonds of union between them, and perhaps as much as any other one thing tends to promote and keep alive a mutual interest and common desire for the general welfare of the Order.

"But, unless some means can be devised to secure greater certainty and regularity in the interchange of printed proceedings, the system will lose very much of its value, and ultimately prove a failure.

"The absence of half a dozen of these proceedings detracts materially from the interest, as well as pleasure, of writing or reading reports on Correspondence."

Illinois, for 1868, makes one of the number. We are not able to account for the absence of the report for 1869, it having been duly sent to the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery find it necessary to again pass some very stringent resolutions in regard to the defunct Rite of Memphis.

R. E. Sir William H. Hiner, of Fon du Lac, was re-elected Grand Commander, E. Sir William T. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

Wisconsin has 7 Commanderies; 643 members; 56 created.

The twelfth annual Conclave will be held at Milwaukee, January 18, 1871.

CONCLUSION.

We have thus imperfectly reviewed the proceedings of twenty-four of the twenty-six Grand Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States. We cannot, in conclusion, but congratulate you, the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and the Sir Knights into whose hands this report may come, in the prosperity, healthy growth, and rapid increase of our magnanimous Order. Our earnest wish and prayer is that harmony and Knightly love may continue. But few questions have been raised, and all looks bright and fair; and yet bright days are often succeeded by very stormy ones. Fiery trials may yet be in store for us. Let us each, therefore, so live as not to bring the slightest reproach upon our beloved Order, remembering that our most dangerous enemies may be those of our own household.

To the corps reportorial, with whom we have passed so many pleasant hours, snatched from the time of refreshment and of sleep, we send a cordial and Knightly greeting, hoping and trusting that, should it not be permitted us to meet in the council chambers of earth, yet that we may eventually clasp hands in the great Asylum beyond the river.

In conclusion, we present our table of statistics, necessarily imperfect, from the negligence of some of our Grand Recorders (and here may we suggest that we have been throwing grass at these Recorders long enough), from which it will be seen that the twenty-six Grand Commanderies have a membership of 26,653, of which 4,060 have taken vows the past year.

1869. 1870.
TABULAR STATEMENT OF GRAND COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES.

STATES	Time and place of last Conclave.	Time and place of next Conclave.	Gr. Commander.	Residence.	Grand Recorder.	Residence.	Subordinates.	Knights Created.	Members.
1 Alabama.....	Montgomery, Dec 2, 1869.	Mobile, Nov. 17, 1870.....	Peleg Brown.....	Mobile.....	FE. M. Hastings...	Montgomery.....	8	42	249
2 California.....	San Francisco, Oct. 7, 1867.	Meriden, March 21, 1871.....	P. S. M. Andrews.....	Norwich.....	C. Owen.....	San Francisco.....	8	57	361
3 Connecticut.....	Middletown, March 15, 1870	Atlanta, May 24, 1871.....	Geo. Smith Obeart.....	Norwich.....	FE. G. Storer.....	New Haven.....	9	107	1,669
4 Georgia.....	Nacon, May 25, 1870.....	Chicago, Oct. 24, 1870.....	Jno. Mills Pearson.....	Godfrey.....	C. R. Armstrong.....	Nacon.....	7	48	316
5 Illinois.....	Chicago, Oct. 25, 1870.....	Indianapolis, April 4, 1871	David F. Wiedon.....	Godfrey.....	James H. Miles.....	Chicago.....	38	310	2,200
6 Indiana.....	Mt. Pleasant, April 5, 1870.	Clinton, Oct. 18, 1870.....	Robert F. Bower.....	Keokuk.....	Jno. M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.....	19	205	918
7 Iowa.....	Leavenworth, Oct. 19, 1869.	.....	Wm. O. Gould.....	Leavenworth.....	Wm. B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.....	14	68	570
8 Kansas.....	Louisville, June 9, 1870.....	.....	Wm. A. Warner.....	Louisville.....	Erastus T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.....	5	12	113
9 Kentucky.....	New Orleans, Feb. 18, 1870.	Portland, May, 1871.....	Chas. H. McLellan.....	Bath.....	Wm. C. Munger.....	New Orleans.....	10	77	473
10 Louisiana.....	Portland, May 4, 1870.....	.....	Benjamin Dean.....	Bath.....	Gustavus Sontag.....	New Orleans.....	3	29	250
11 Maine.....	Providence, Oct. 29, 1869.....	.....	Theron A. Flower.....	Boston.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.....	11	126	1,041
12 Mass and R. I.....	Detroit, June 1, 1869.....	.....	E. D. B. Porter.....	Pontiac.....	Oliver Bourke.....	Boston.....	27	450	3,428
13 Michigan.....	Nankato, June 24, 1869.....	.....	Charles T. Bond.....	Pontiac.....	George A. Savory.....	Detroit.....	22	235	1,367
14 Minnesota.....	St. Louis, Oct. 3, 1870.....	.....	James F. Aglar.....	New Albany.....	J. L. Power.....	Minneapolis.....	5	40	341
15 Mississippi.....	Jackson, Jan 22, 1870.....	.....	Henry O. Kent.....	St. Louis.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Jackson.....	34	377	497
16 Missouri.....	Manchester, Sept. 28, 1869.	.....	J. V. Mattison.....	Lancaster.....	Horace Chase.....	St. Louis.....	14	77	597
17 New Hampshire.....	Trenton, Sept. 13, 1870.....	.....	Henry C. Preston.....	Washington.....	T. J. Corson.....	Hopkinton.....	9	94	757
18 New Jersey.....	Buffalo, Oct. 5, 1869.....	.....	Heman Ely.....	Bright mpt n.....	Robert Macoy.....	Trenton.....	10	102	555
19 New York.....	Cleveland, Oct. 14, 1869.....	.....	Henry B. McKean.....	Elyria.....	John D. Caldwell.....	New York.....	47	784	4,737
20 Ohio.....	Williamsport, June 14, 1870.	.....	Archilles D. Sear.....	Towanda.....	Alfred Creigh.....	Cincinnati.....	22	182	1,556
21 Pennsylvania.....	Nashville, May 10, 1870.....	Harrisburg, June 13, 1871.	Henry B. McKean.....	Clarksville.....	John Frizzell.....	Washington.....	37	705	3,101
22 Tennessee.....	Houston, June 12, 1871.....	.....	Russell S. Taft.....	S. Augustine.....	Robert Brewster.....	Nashville.....	9	91	684
23 Texas.....	Burlington, June 13, 1870.....	.....	William H. Daniel.....	Burlington.....	Jno B. Hollenbeck.....	Houston.....	7	39	218
24 Vermont.....	Richmond, Dec 16, 1869.....	.....	William H. Daniel.....	Lynchburg.....	John Dove.....	Burlington.....	7	45	398
25 Virginia.....	.....	.....	.....	Fond du Lac.....	W. T. Palmer.....	Richmond.....	14	45	534
26 Wisconsin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Milwaukee.....	7	56	643
						Total.....	376	4,060	26,653

*Deceased.

All of which is courteously submitted.

JAMES H. MILES, for the Committee.

E. Sir James Walker presented the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, received :

At a regular Conclave of Aurora Commandery, No. 22, held at their Asylum, October 21, 1870, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The holding of Annual Reviews, as practiced in some of the States, is calculated to promote the interests of Templar Masonry, by creating a wholesome rivalry in the different Commanderies, and thereby stimulating the Knights to uniform themselves, we, therefore, ask the Grand Commandery to take such action as they may deem necessary to secure to our beloved and Knightly Order the advantages of a systematic annual review and drill.

Therefore, Resolved, That our representatives to the Grand Commandery be, and are, hereby, instructed to urge the appointment of a committee, with instructions to report, at the present session of the Grand Commandery, some action carrying out the objects of the above recommendation.

(Signed)

J. H. THOMPSON,

[SEAL.]

Recorder.

E. Sir Theodore T. Gurney, from the Committee on Uniform, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and taken up, *seriatim*, and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois :

The undersigned, a Committee on Uniform for Subordinate Commanderies, beg leave to report: that they find a want of uniformity in the equipments of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction, and ask the adoption of the following:

COAT.

For Sir Knights.—Black cloth, cut military style, single breasted, standing collar; eleven buttons in front, four behind; length, to knee; side edges in pleat; hook and eye at neck gore; sleeve plain, no buttons at cuff; Passion Cross of silver on left side of collar; buttons round or bell, and of silk twist covering.

For Generalissimos and Captain Generals.—Same as above.

For Commanders and Past Commanders.—Same as above, except that the coat shall be double breasted, with two rows of buttons; cross on collar to be gold, with rays.*

* None but Commanders or Past Commanders are entitled to use the rays.

CHAPEAU.

For Sir Knights and Subordinate Officers.—The military chapeau now used, sixteen inches from point to point of brim, and crown five and a half inches in height, with black binding; two black and one white plume; on the left side, a scarlet velvet Passion Cross, three inches in height and standing upright.

For Generalissimos and Captain Generals.—Same as above, except that Cross on chapeau shall be of embroidered silver edge.

For Commanders and Past Commanders.—Same as above, except that the cross on chapeau shall be of embroidered gilt edge, with rays.

CAP.

For Sir Knights.—Patent navy style, black cloth; three and a half inches height of crown; bright red velvet Passion Cross in front; buttons of white metal, ornamented by cross and crown; black band, and narrow patent leather strap, without buckle.

For all Officers, except Commanders and Past Commanders.—Same as above, except that two narrow silver lace bands shall be used, and the cross shall be embroidered silver edge, *without* rays.

For Commanders and Past Commanders.—Same as above, except that the cross shall be of gilt embroidered edge, with rays; buttons of gilt; strap, narrow gilt lace; band, with navy gold lace.

GAUNTLETS.

For Sir Knights.—Buff leather, military style, with cuff extending four and a half inches up from its intersection with the hand, with scarlet velvet cross two inches in length on back of cuff.

For all Officers, except Commanders and Past Commanders.—Same as above. Cross to be edged with silver embroidery, *without* rays.

For Commanders and Past Commanders.—Cross shall be embroidered in gilt, with rays.

BALDRICK.

Baldrick for Sir Knights.—Patent or enameled white leather, four inches wide, bordered with black of same material, one inch in width on either edge; on the inner edge of black, a strip of white navy lace, $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch wide; on the centre, a white metal star of nine points, with motto enclosing a Passion

Cross. To be crossed six inches from the bottom, and worn from right shoulder to left hip.

SWORD.

For Sir Knights and all Officers, except Commanders and Past Commanders.—Thirty-four to forty inches in length; white metal scabbard; cross hilt, and helmet head; black hilt, and suspended from two rings, one on each side.

For Commanders and Past Commanders.—Same as above, except gilt in place of white metal, and white in place of black hilt.

BELT.

Red patent and enameled leather, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, fastened in front by a white metal clasp, oval in shape, $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches in size, with detached centre piece, the latter plain, and overlaid by a plain Templar cross; the outer and inner edges of clasp raised and chased. Belt furnished with two short, white metal chains, of equal length, suspended from attached rings to belt.

For Commanders and Past Commanders.—Same as above, except gilt in place of white metal, and two rows of gold lace, $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch wide, $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch inside of edges.

SHOULDER STRAPS,

Of the size ordered by Grand Encampment, bordered with gilt, with the emblems of the respective offices of subordinate commanderies thereon in centre.

Resolved, That all officers and Sir Knights of subordinate commanderies who are now equipped, shall not be required to furnish for themselves new equipments, except at their convenience; but that all Officers and Sir Knights requiring and purchasing new equipments shall conform to the foregoing regulations.

Courteously submitted.

T. T. GURNEY, C. H. BROWER, E. H. SMITH,	} Committee.
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E. Sir Charles H. Brower presented the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted :

For the dignity and respect of the Knightly Order, and courtesy to this Grand Commandery, be it

Resolved, That all representatives to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, be, and are, hereby requested to appear at its future Conclaves equipped, at least in the undress uniform of a Knight Templar.

On motion of Sir Charles M. Morse, it was

Voted, That the Grand Recorder publish the report of the Committee on Uniform, and distribute the same immediately.

E. Sir T. T. Gurney presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the representatives of this Grand Commandery to the next session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, be requested to urge the propriety of abandoning the baldric as a part of a Knight's Templar uniform.

E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds, from the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand Commander as refers to the affiliation and admission of Knights Templar hailing from foreign jurisdictions, would respectfully report:

That they concur in the views expressed by M. E. Sir William Sewall Gardner, Grand Master, and our R. E. Grand Commander, and would make the following recommendations :

FIRST.—That Knights Templar hailing from foreign jurisdictions, who desire to affiliate, be required to exhibit a legal discharge, prove themselves in the ordinary way; take the Order of the Red Cross and the oath of fealty.

SECOND.—That Knights Templar hailing from foreign jurisdictions, who desire to visit Templar Bodies, be required to exhibit evidence, duly authenticated, of good standing; prove themselves, in the ordinary way, and take the Order of the Red Cross, before being permitted to visit.

Courteously submitted

N. F. PRENTICE,	} Committee.
V. L. HURLBUT,	
H. G. REYNOLDS,	

The committee also submitted the following report, which was, on motion, re-committed to the committee, with instructions to report at the next annual Conclave:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution

offered by E. Sir John F. Nash, in relation to delinquent Commanderies, would respectfully report:

That they have considered said resolution, and consider it necessary and legal, and would, therefore, recommend its adoption.

Courteously submitted.

N. F. PRENTICE, V. L. HURLBUT, H. G. REYNOLDS,	} Committee.
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E. Sir Loyal L. Munn, from the Committee on Grievance, made a verbal report:

That they are happy to state, that no matter of difference had been presented for their consideration, and, therefore, begged to be discharged from further duty.

E. Sir William Rounseville, from the Committee appointed at the last annual Conclave, in relation to the requirement of the Council Degrees as a pre-requisite to the Order of Knighthood, substitutes the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE COUNCIL DEGREES.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois:

Your committee raised by a resolution reported by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers in 1869, to take into consideration the suggestion of P. G. Commander Gorin, made, at the last annual Conclave, relating to the Council Degrees, would report:

That they have had the matter under consideration. We find, by reference to the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of 1856, that M. E. William B. Hubbard, at the time Grand Master, disapproved of the action of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, in requiring the Council Degrees as a pre-requisite of the Orders of Knighthood.

Your committee find that the decision was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; by them reported upon, and the report laid over for consideration at the triennial session of 1859, in which latter year no action was had thereon — no allusion thereto being made.

That the Grand Commandery of Connecticut deemed the decision inoperative and void, not being approved by the Grand Encampment, is apparent, from the fact that the Grand Commandery of Connecticut refused, and still refuses, to rescind its action, and the Grand Encampment has not, as yet, after a lapse of fourteen years, called them to account therefor.

Your committee are eminently impressed with the wisdom of the suggestion of Past Grand Commander Gorin, tending, as it will, if carried out, to unite, in one strong, unbroken chain, the whole system of American Masonry. But, inasmuch

as doubts seem to oppress the minds of some of this Grand Commandery, we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be requested to enter into correspondence with the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as to the right of this Grand Commandery to adopt a regulation requiring the possession of the Council Degrees as a pre-requisite to the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood.

Resolved, That, in the event of the decision of the M. E. Grand Master, that the Grand Commandery has such right, the R. E. Grand Commander be, and is, hereby authorized to submit the question as to the requirement of said Degrees to each Chartered Commandery, for its vote thereon.

Courteously submitted.

WILLIAM ROUNSEVILLE, A. A. MURRAY, J. E. FORRESTER,	} Committee.
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The E. Grand Recorder presented his annual report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Illinois:

Your Grand Recorder would most courteously beg leave to report, that one thousand copies of the proceedings of your last annual Conclave were printed, and the usual number of copies distributed. The proceedings of other State Grand Commanderies received in exchange, will be noticed by the Committee on Correspondence.

The following orders have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer since the last annual Conclave, viz.:

In favor of Horton & Leonard, for printing the proceedings, \$500; for engraving and electrotyping, \$59.

I have expended, for stationery and other incidental expenses, during the past year, the sum of \$57.76; have paid to E. B. Myers, for blank books, \$48; to C. H. Brower, as per account rendered, \$450, and to Nowlin & McElwain, for two Past Commanders' jewels, in conformity to the resolution of this Grand Commandery, \$120—making a total of \$675.76, as will appear by my account herewith presented.

The returns of your several Subordinates have been carefully examined, and I herewith present the following table of statistics:

SUBORDINATES.	Total No. of Mem- bers last year, 1869.	Total No. of Mem- bers this year, 1870.	Created.	Admitted.	Previously Ad- mitted.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deceased.	Receipts.
Apollo, No. 1.....	306	336	38	3	.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....	\$374 00
Belvidere, No. 2.....	38	42	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 00
Peoria, No. 3.....	86	72	2	.....	I	5	9	.....	.....	3	74 00
Joliet, No. 4.....	167	105	7	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	112 00
Blaney, No. 5.....	15	11	I	.....	.....	I	3	.....	I	2	12 00
Elwood, No. 6.....	104	108	9	I	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	5	117 00
Freeport, No. 7.....	72	75	7	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 00
Galesburg, No. 8.....	54	49	I	I	.....	2	4	.....	.....	I	50 00
Beaumont, No. 9.....	47	50	6	.....	.....	I	2	.....	I	.....	56 00
Ottawa, No. 10.....	55	60	7	.....	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	I	67 00
Beauseant, No. 11.....	87	90	10	2	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Waukegan, No. 12.....	44	44	3	.....	.....	I	I	.....	.....	I	47 00
Cairo, No. 13.....	37	36	I	.....	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	I	38 00
Gorin, No. 14.....	49	47	I	.....	.....	I	2	.....	.....	.....	*48 00
Sycamore, No. 15.....	103	101	4	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	I	105 00
Urbana, No. 16.....	53	48	16	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 00
Crusader, No. 17.....	59	65	6	I	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 00
Everts, No. 18.....	28	29	.....	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 00
Chicago, No. 19.....	138	154	17	.....	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	.....	171 00
Temple, No. 20.....	34	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	I	.....	*33 00
Dixon, No. 21.....	55	60	7	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 00
Aurora, No. 22.....	64	84	19	I	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 00
Cyrene, No. 23.....	27	30	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00
DeMolay, No. 24.....	72	91	17	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108 00
Calvary, No. 25.....	55	56	5	.....	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	3	61 00
St. John, No. 26.....	23	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	I	22 00
Palestine, No. 27.....	30	37	8	.....	.....	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	45 00
Bethany, No. 28.....	23	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00
Hugh DePayens, 29.....	22	25	6	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00
St. Omer, No. 30.....	18	22	5	.....	.....	I	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00
Hospitaler, No. 31.....	30	70	31	I	9	.....	.....	.....	I	.....	101 00
Almoner, No. 32.....	25	41	6	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 00
Ivanhoe, No. 33.....	7	25	7	2	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00
St. Paul (34), U. D.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Fairbury (fee).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00
St. Bernard (35), U. D.....	.....	28	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00
Chicago, N. D. (fee).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00
Bethel (36), U. D.....	.....	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00
Elgin (fee).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00
Melita (37), U. D.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Tuscola (fee).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00
Mt. Olivet (38), U. D.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Paxton (fee).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00
1869.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crusader, No. 17.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 00
Totals.....	1,967	2,197	311	14	30	77	27	.....	2	23	\$2,940 00

* Paid since.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1869.....	1967
Created	311
Admitted.....	14
Previously admitted.....	30
Reinstated.....	2
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Less—Dimitted	77
Suspended.....	27
Deceased.....	23
	<hr/> 127
Total this year.....	2197
Total last year.....	1967
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Increase	230

\$2,940.

CHICAGO, October 25, 1870.

Received of James H. Miles, Grand Recorder, twenty-nine hundred and forty dollars, in full, for dues of annual Conclave of 1870.

ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer.*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Recorder.*

The E. Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

*To the R. E. Grand Commander of Illinois :*ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with the GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

DR.

1869.

Oct. 26. To balance cash on hand.....\$3,258 85

1870.

Oct. 25. To cash received from Grand Recorder..... 2,940 00
\$6,198 85

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1869.

Oct. 27.	By paid Mileage and Per Diem (see Proceedings)....	\$785 60
"	" Horton & Leonard.....	25 00
"	" J. H. Miles, Grand Recorder, salary.....	500 00
"	" J. H. Miles, bill items.....	63 39
"	" L. K. Osborn, Grand Sentinel	20 00
"	" J. R. Gorin, Grand Commander, expenses..	40 00
"	" V. L. Hurlbut, Committee on Ritual.....	35 00
"	" G. C. Lanphere " "	10 00
"	" C. E. Munger " "	10 00
"	" C. H. Brower " "	50 00
"	" Nowlin & McElvain, Grand Com. jewels....	540 00
"	" Mrs. Tucker, by resolution.....	50 00
"	" L. K. Osborn " "	30 00

1870.

March 1.	" Horton & Leonard, bill Proceedings.....	500 00
"	" " " engraving and electrotyping	59 00
		<hr/> \$2,717 99

1870.

Oct. 25.	To balance cash on hand.....	3,480 86
All of which is courteously submitted.		

ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer.*

E. Sir William A. Levanway, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, courteously beg leave to report, that they have examined and find the same correct.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows that he has received as dues and Dispensation fees the sum of \$2,940, which he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per receipt herewith filed.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand at last Grand Conclave of.....	\$3,258 85
Amount received from Grand Recorder.....	2,940 00

 \$6,198 85

And that he has paid out as per vouchers accompanying his report,

\$2,717 99

Leaving in his hands the sum of.....

\$3,480 86

Your Committee recommend that an order issue to E. Sir J. H. Miles, for services as G. Recorder, for the past year, of \$500, and for stationery, postage, etc., as per bill rendered, \$555 76.

That an order issue to Sir K. L. K. Osborn, for services as G. C. of the Guards, of \$20 00.

That an order issue in favor of R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger, of \$45 53, for expenses incurred as G. C.

The Committee recommend that the G. Recorder be authorized to obtain the printing of 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this G. Conclave, and to draw upon the G. T. for the cost of the same.

Also, that the G. R. be authorized to draw on the G. T. for the cost of two Past G. Commander's jewels, at \$60.00 each.

Your Committee recommend that members of committees in attendance at this G. C., not paid as representatives or G. Officers, be allowed the same mileage and per diem as would be allowed them as representatives.

All of which is courteously submitted.

WM. A. LEVANWAY, } Committee.
JEREMIAH CURL, }

E. Sir Joseph Robbins, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report :

That they have examined the records of the following Commanderies, U. D. :

St. Paul's, Fairbury.

St. Bernard's, Chicago.

Cœur de Leon, Elgin.

Melita, Tuscola.

Mt. Olivet, Paxton.

Of these, St. Pauls, Cœur de Leon, and Melita have submitted codes of By-Laws, which we find to be in conformity with the statutes and regulations.

The records of St. Paul's are fairly kept, with the exception that neither the names of the members or of petitioners for the Orders are generally recorded in full.

In one instance we find that a petition was received and acted upon at the same Conclave, without its being shown to be an emergent case, as required by section 6, of article II., of the Statutes and Regulations.

Of St. Bernard, the records are finely kept, with the exception that neither the names of members or petitioners are recorded in full.

Of Cœur de Leon, the records are fairly kept. Names of petitioners are generally recorded in full; names of members are, however, nowhere so

recorded. This Commandery asks a change of name, which we recommend as below.

Of Melita, the records are loosely kept. Full names are wanting, both of members and petitioners. Petitions are received and acted upon immediately, without record of the cases being emergent.

Of Mt. Olivet, the records are finely kept, affording the only example before your Committee where the full names of petitioners are uniformly recorded.

The R. E. Grand Commander having recommended that a Charter be withheld from this Commandery, we have carefully investigated its concerns. We find that the animadversions of the E. Grand Inspector General, on which the recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander was based, grew out of a misapprehension of the facts in the case, and that the lack of preparation which he found to exist there arose, not from any lack of zeal, but simply from a desire on the part of the Sir Knights of Mount Olivet to have the advice of the Inspector General before procuring their equipments. Believing that this misapprehension has now been cleared up, to the satisfaction of all parties, we think that, in granting Charters, Mt. Olivet should not be made an exception.

We recommend that Charters be granted—

To St. Paul's Commandery, as St. Paul's Commandery, No. 34, to be held at Fairbury, Livingston county.

To St. Bernard Commandery, as St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, to be held at Chicago, Cook county.

To Cœur de Leon Commandery, as Bethel Commandery, No. 36, to be held at Elgin, Kane county.

To Melita Commandery, as Melita Commandery, No. 37, to be held at Tuscola, Douglas county.

To Mt. Olivet Commandery, as Mt. Olivet Commandery, No. 38, to be held at Paxton, Ford County.

Your Committee has had under consideration the code of by-laws submitted by Urbana Commandery, No. 16, find them to be in conformity with the Statutes and Regulations, and recommend their approval.

All of which is courteously submitted.

WILLIAM LAVELY, JOSEPH ROBBINS, J. P. WESTON,	} Committee.
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The Committee on Obituaries asked further time to complete their report, which was, on motion, granted.

E. Sir Philip G. Gillett, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that the follow-

ing Grand Officers and Representatives are entitled to Mileage and Per Diem as follows :

<i>Officers.</i>	<i>Offices.</i>	<i>Miles.</i>	<i>Mileage.</i>	<i>Per Diem.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Charles E. Munger	Grand Commander.....	37	\$3 70	4	\$7 70
John M. Pearson.....	Dep. Grand Commander.	252	25 20	4	29 20
Wiley M. Egan.....	Grand Generalissimo.....			4	4 00
Daniel Dustin.....	" Capt. General.....	56	5 60	4	9 60
Charles A. Gilbert.....	" Prelate.....	37	3 70	4	7 70
James A. Hawley.....	" Senior Warden.....	98	9 80	4	13 80
Hiram W. Hubbard.....	" Junior Warden.....	253	25 30	4	29 30
Robert H. Foss.....	" Treasurer.....			4	4 00
Theodore T. Gurney.....	" Standard Bearer.....			4	4 00
Louis H. Jorgensen.....	" Sword Bearer.....	365	36 50	4	40 50
Asa W. Blakesley.....	" Warden.....	263	26 30	4	30 30
<i>Representatives.</i>		<i>Commandery.</i>			
Charles H. Brower	Apollo, No. 1.....			4	4 00
Robert B. Smith.....	Belvidere, No. 2.....	257	25 70	4	29 70
Wm Rounseville.....	Peoria, No. 3.....	151	15 10	4	19 10
S. C. Stearns.....	Joliet, No. 4.....	37	3 70	4	7 70
C. H. Goold.....	Blaney, No. 5.....	61			
Dwight Brown.....	Elwood, No. 6.....	185	18 50	4	22 50
N. F. Prentice.....	Freeport, No. 7.....	121	12 10	4	16 10
H. M. Hale.....	Galesburg, No. 8.....	163	16 30	4	20 30
A. A. Murray.....	Beaumanoir, No. 9.....	175	17 50	4	21 50
J. F. Nash.....	Ottawa, No. 10.....	84	8 40	4	12 40
Joseph Robbins.....	Beauseant, No. 11.....	263	26 30	4	30 30
W. A. Johnson.....	Waukegan, No. 12.....	36	3 60	4	7 60
Chas. H. Foote.....	Cairo, No. 13.....	365	36 50	2	38 50
G. D. Slanker.....	Gorin, No. 14.....	297	29 70	4	33 70
A. W. Sawyer.....	Sycamore, No. 15.....	56	5 60	4	9 60
J. G. Jaques.....	Urbana, No. 16.....	128	12 80	4	16 80
J. R. Porter.....	Crusader, No. 17.....	93	9 30	4	13 30
Geo. H. Gibson.....	Chicago, No. 19.....			4	4 00
J. Silas Leas.....	Everts, No. 18.....	182	18 20	4	22 20
Wm. Bacon.....	Temple, No. 20.....	105	10 50	2	12 50
W. A. Levanway.....	Dixon, No. 21.....	94	9 80	4	13 80
James Walker.....	Aurora, No. 22.....	38	3 80	4	7 80
W. S. Pease.....	Cyrene, No. 23.....	253	25 30	4	29 30
I. D. Harbert.....	DeMolay, No. 24.....	126	12 60	4	16 60
James Northrop.....	Calvary, No. 25.....	51	5 10	4	9 10
R. C. Hattenhouer.....	St. John, No. 26.....	100	10 00	4	14 00
Jeremiah Curl.....	Palestine, No. 27.....	210	21 00	4	25 00
George Emerson.....	Bethany, No. 28.....	84	8 40	4	12 40
H. G. Withers.....	Hugh DePayens, No. 29.....	249	24 90	4	28 90
G. M. Raymond.....	St. Omer, No. 30.....	251	25 10	4	29 10
P. G. Gillett.....	Hospitaler, No. 31.....	215	21 50	4	25 50
H. G. Dearborn.....	Almoner, No. 32.....	227	22 70	4	26 70
T. P. Bonfield.....	Ivanhoe, No. 33.....	56	5 60	4	9 60
<i>Committees.</i>					
V. L. Hurlbut.....	Jurisprudence.....			4	4 00
H. G. Reynolds.....	".....	185	18 50	4	22 50
J. H. Miles.....	Correspondence.....			4	4 00
R. D. Lawrence.....	".....	185	18 50	4	22 50
Wm. Lavelly.....	Charters & Dispensations.....	185	18 50	4	22 50
J. P. Weston.....	".....	103	10 30	4	20 30
L. L. Munn.....	Grievance.....	121	12 10	4	16 10
A. J. Dunning.....	Unfinished Business.....	185	18 50	4	22 50
			\$704 10	200	\$904 20

All of which is courteously submitted.

P. G. GILLETT,
WM. BACON.
J. R. PORTER, } *Committee.*

On motion, it was

Voted, That the matter of procuring a room for the use of the Grand Recorder be referred to the R. E. Grand Commander, elect, and the E. Grand Recorder, with power to act.

E. Sir T. T. Gurney presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the matter of annual parade and review be referred to the first five officers of this Grand Commandery, with power to act.

E. Sir William Rounseville presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That, when applied to for a Dispensation to open a new Commandery, that the R. E. Grand Commander be courteously requested to consult with all the Commanderies whose jurisdictions may be affected by the establishment of the proposed new Commandery.

The R. E. Grand Commandery next proceeded to the installation of the officers elect for the ensuing year.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sir Charles H. Brower Grand Marshall, and the Grand Officers elect were then installed, in Ample Form, by R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger.

R. E. Sir John M. Pearson, Grand Commander, presiding.

E. Sir Wiley M. Egan offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be, and are, hereby tendered to R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger, Past Grand Commander, for the earnest, faithful, and successful manner in which he has presided over the interests of Chivalric Masonry in this jurisdiction.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are eminently due, and are hereby courteously tendered to the Sir Knights of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, for the use of their elegant and commodious apartments for this Grand Conclave, and for the hospitality and many courtesies extended to the Grand Commandery at this session.

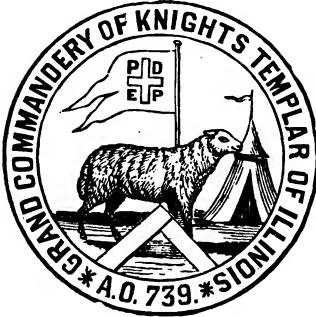
The R. E. Grand Commander announced the following Committees:

Committee on Correspondence.—E. Sirs James H. Miles, Harman G. Reynolds and J. E. Forrester.

Committee on Jurisprudence.—R. E. Sirs Charles E. Munger, Jerome R. Gorin and Vincent L. Hurlbut.

Inspector General.—E. Sir Charles Homan Brower.

The R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois was then closed in Ample Form, to meet in the City of Chicago on Tuesday, the 24th of October, A.D. 1871, A.O. 753, at 10 o'clock A.M.



JOHN M. PEARSON,

Grand Commander.

ATTEST :



James H. Miles.

Grand Recorder.

RETURNS
OF
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

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APOLLO COMMANDERY, No. 1, CHICAGO.

Chartered September 17, 1847.

Stated Conclaves first and third Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Charles Horan Brower.....	Commander.
Sir Eugene Burritt Myers.....	Generalissimo.
" Francis Harvey Nichols	Captain General.
" James Hoge Miles.....	Prelate.
" Oscar William Barrett	Senior Warden.
" Bell Mann	Junior Warden.
" Henry Winants Bigelow.....	Treasurer.
" Erastus Noyes Tucker.....	Recorder.
" Lucius Alfred Howland	Standard Bearer.
" Joshua Leonard Marsh	Sword Bearer.
" Tracy Town Oviatt	Warder.
" Lockwood Keeler Osborn.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	306
Created	38
Admitted.....	3
	— 347
Dimitted ..	6
Suspended.....	5
	— 11
Members, 1870.....	336

BELVIDERE COMMANDERY No. 2, ALTON.

Chartered September 19, 1853.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Robert Bingham Smith.....	Commander.
Sir George Dwight Hayden	Generalissimo.
“ William Jarrett.....	Captain General.
“ Michael M. Dutro	Prelate.
“ Robson Graham.....	Senior Warden.
“ Isaac E. Hardy.....	Junior Warden.
“ Webb C. Quigley.....	Treasurer.
“ Henry N. Pierson	Recorder.
“ Henry Watson	Standard Bearer.
“ Ulysses E. Fisher.....	Sword Bearer.
“ John H. Koehne	Warder.
“ Thomas H. Kingsley	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	38
Created	5
	— 43
Died	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	42

PEORIA COMMANDERY, No. 3, PEORIA.

Chartered September 15, 1856.

Stated Conclaves the first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Rounseville.....	Commander.
Sir Jacob Elsesser.....	Generalissimo.
" John A. Bush.....	Captain General.
" Lewis Keyon	Prelate.
" Henry G. Belcke.....	Senior Warden.
" Samuel Tart.....	Junior Warden.
" Michael E. Erler.....	Treasurer.
" Albert Smith.....	Recorder.
" John L. Flynn	Standard Bearer.
" John Higbie	Sword Bearer.
" William McLean, Jr.....	Warder.
" Benjamin Bergquist	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	86
Created	2
	— 88
Dimitted	5
Died.....	3
Suspended.....	8
	— 16
	—
Members, 1870.....	72

JOLIET COMMANDERY No. 4, JOLIET.

Chartered October 26, 1858.

Stated Conclaves first and third Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Charles A. Gilbert.....	Commander.
Sir William A. Steel	Generalissimo.
" Richard P. Denker.....	Captain General.
" William W. Stevens.....	Prelate.
" William F. Sayler	Senior Warden.
" Ferdinand B. Willits	Junior Warden.
" George Munroe	Treasurer.
" Henry T. Woodruff.....	Recorder.
" Andrew J. Robinson	Standard Bearer.
" John Butler.....	Sword Bearer.
" Frederick V. Gookin.....	Warder.
" William D. Fay.....	Captain of the Guards

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	107
Created	7
	— 114
Dimitted	9
	—
Members, 1870.....	105

BLANEY COMMANDERY, No. 5, MORRIS.

Chartered October 26, 1858.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Arnold M. Cleveland.....	Commander.
Sir Charles H. Goold.....	Generalissimo.
" Miles Gordon.....	Captain General.
" Stetman E. Massey	Prelate.
" Perry A. Armstrong	Senior Warden.
" William Stanhope	Junior Warden.
" Hiram Mallory.....	Treasurer.
" Frederick C. Mayo	Recorder.
" Lewis P. Lott.....	Warder.
" Edward C. Hollands.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1868.....	15
Created	1
Reinstated.....	1
	— 17
Dimitted	1
Died	2
Suspended.....	3
	— 6
	—
Members, 1870.....	11

ELWOOD COMMANDERY, No. 6, SPRINGFIELD.

Chartered October 25, 1859.

Stated Conclaves on the first Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Lavelly	Commander.
Sir John Cook.....	Generalissimo.
" Jacob B. Hammond.....	Captain General.
" Francis Springer.....	Prelate.
" Thomas G. Gorman.....	Senior Warden.
" William A. Turney	Junior Warden.
" John S. Fisher	Treasurer.
" Robert L. McGuire.....	Recorder.
" Henry Wohlgemath.....	Standard Bearer.
" John McConnell.....	Sword Bearer.
" Richard Young.....	Warder.
" Arney R. Robinson.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	104
Created.....	9
Admitted	1
	— 114
Dimitted	1
Died	5
	— 6
	—
Members, 1870.....	108

FREEPORT COMMANDERY, No. 7, FREEPORT.

Chartered October 26, 1859.

Stated Conclaves on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Nathan Fay Prentice	Commander.
Sir Edward L. Cronkrite.....	Generalissimo.
“ William J. McKim	Captain General.
“ W. J. Johnston.....	Prelate.
“ James A. Grimes.....	Senior Warden.
“ Charles H. Packard	Junior Warden.
“ A. P. Goddard	Treasurer.
“ Scott P. Frazier.....	Recorder.
“ William G. Waddell.....	Standard Bearer.
“ George Thompson.....	Sword Bearer.
“ William S. Best.....	Warder.
“ W. T. McCool	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	72
Created.....	7
	— 79
Dimitted.....	4
	—
Members, 1870.....	75

GALESBURG COMMANDERY, No. 8, GALESBURG.

Chartered October 23, 1860.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Hollis Mason Hale	Commander.
Sir James P. Weston.....	Generalissimo.
“ John Adams Marshall.....	Captain General.
“ George Cromwell Lanphere.....	Prelate.
“ T. Judson Hale.....	Senior Warden.
“ James Vernal Pangburn.....	Junior Warden.
“ Benjamin Franklin Arnold.....	Treasurer.
“ John Temple.....	Recorder.
“ Risley C. Haines.....	Standard Bearer.
“ William Arnold.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Joseph Albert Gates.....	Warder.
“ Thomas Naim McQueen.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	54
Created.....	1
Admitted.....	1
	— 56
Dimitted.....	2
Died.....	1
Suspended.....	4
	— 7
	—
Members, 1870.....	49

BEAUMANOIR COMMANDERY, No. 9, DECATUR.

Chartered October 23, 1860.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Augustus Alonzo Murray	Commander.
Sir Robert Green.....	Generalissimo.
" John Quinlan	Captain General.
" George Wilbur Bright	Prelate.
" John Henry Babbitt... ..	Senior Warden.
" Abram L. Wright.....	Junior Warden.
" Samuel Ford Greer.....	Treasurer.
" Nathan Lowell Krone.....	Recorder.
" Albert Emerson	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Griffith Starr.	Sword Bearer.
" Cyrus Marks Imboden.....	Warder.
" Henry Hummell.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	47
Created	6
Reinstated.....	1
	— 54
Dimitted.....	1
Died.....	1
Suspended.....	2
	— 4
	—
Members, 1870.....	50

OTTAWA COMMANDERY, No. 10, OTTAWA.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves on the first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John F. Nash.....	Commander.
Sir George J. Burgess	Generalissimo.
" Edward H. Smith	Captain General.
" William W. Estabrook.....	Prelate.
" John L. Morrison.....	Senior Warden.
" Robert M. McArthur.....	Junior Warden.
" John Stout.....	Treasurer.
" Thomas H. Clark.....	Recorder.
" William E. Bowman.....	Standard Bearer.
" William L. Gibson.....	Sword Bearer.
" David Batcheller	Warder.
" David R. Gregg.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	55
Created	7
	— 62
Died.	1
Dimitted.....	1
	— 2
	—
Members, 1870.....	60

BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY, No. 11, QUINCY.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves on the last Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Joseph Robbins	Commander.
Sir James Lowe.....	Generalissimo.
" Albert Demaree.....	Captain General.
" William M. Avise.....	Prelate.
" Joshua S. Wood.....	Senior Warden.
" George A. Gale.....	Junior Warden.
" John Mellen.....	Treasurer.
" Edward S. Mulliner.....	Recorder.
" Jacob M. Smith.....	Standard Bearer.
" Henry S. Brown.....	Sword Bearer.
" Granville M. Evatt.....	Warder.
" Michael McVay.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	87
Created	10
Admitted	2
	— 99
Dimitted	9
	—
Members, 1870.....	90

WAUKEGAN COMMANDERY, No. 12, WAUKEGAN.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Allen Johnson.....	Commander.
Sir Daniel Brewster.....	Generalissimo.
" William Samuel Pearce.....	Captain General.
" Freeman Daniel Rickerson.....	Prelate.
" Warren Horace Ellis.....	Senior Warden.
" Walter Warren Hastings.....	Junior Warden.
" Charles Richards Steele.....	Treasurer.
" Azro Daniel Hutchins.....	Recorder.
" Hiram Clement Wheeler.....	Standard Bearer.
" George Reed Lyon.....	Sword Bearer.
" Daniel Porter Millen.....	Warder.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	44
Created	3
	— 47
Dimitted	1
Died.....	1
Suspended.....	1
	— 3
Members, 1870.....	44

CAIRO COMMANDERY, No. 13, CAIRO.

Chartered October 25, 1864.

Stated Conclaves the first Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Charles Henry Foote.....	Commander.
Sir James Jewett Wilcox.....	Generalissimo.
“ Joseph Henry Lufkin.....	Captain General.
“ Horace Wardner.....	Prelate.
“ Philander Walker Barclay.....	Senior Warden.
“ Alexander Hamilton Irvin.....	Junior Warden.
“ Claiborne Winston.....	Treasurer.
“ James Siddall Rearden.....	Recorder.
“ William Snoden Lane.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Calvin Castner Davidson.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Charles Winthrop Dunning.....	Warder.
“ Christian Hannay.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	37
Created	1
	— 38
Dimitted	1
Died.....	1
	— 2
	—
Members, 1870.....	36

GORIN COMMANDERY, No. 14, OLNEY.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Horace Hayward.....	Commander.
Sir John L. Ham.....	Generalissimo.
“ Gideon D. Slanker.....	Captain General.
“ Henry E. Thomas.....	Prelate.
“ John H. Cartwright.....	Senior Warden.
“ John S. McCollough.....	Junior Warden.
“ Henry Studer.....	Treasurer.
“ William H. Hill.....	Recorder.
“ Enos Gunn.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Joseph M. Yocum.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Mathew M. St. John.....	Warder.
“ John Knight.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	49
Created.....	1
	— 50
Dimitted	1
Suspended.....	2
	— 3
	—
Members, 1870.....	47

SYCAMORE COMMANDERY, No. 15, SYCAMORE.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves on the second Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Amora Watson Sawyer.....	Commander.
Sir Charles Kellum.....	Generalissimo.
" Silas Orcasto Vaughn.....	Captain General.
" Daniel Dustin.....	Prelate.
" Asa Dimon.....	Senior Warden.
" Edward W. Alexander.....	Junior Warden.
" Morris Holcomb.....	Treasurer.
" Royal Daniel Branch.....	Recorder.
" Alonzo Ellwood.....	Standard Bearer.
" Horace Moore Stevens.....	Sword Bearer.
" Gains Blowers Wiseman.....	Warder.
" Daniel Depue Brown.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	103
Created.....	4
	— 107
Dimitted.....	5
Died	1
	— 6
	—
Members, 1870.....	101

URBANA COMMANDERY, No. 16, URBANA.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves on the third Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Francis Granger Jaques.....	Commander.
Sir Mahlon Lindley.....	Generalissimo.
“ John Charles Black.....	Captain General.
“ Amasa Ogden Clapp.....	Prelate.
“ Lyman Chandler Hurd.....	Senior Warden.
“ Edward Blackshaw.....	Junior Warden,
“ Eli Halberstadt.....	Treasurer.
“ Lewis Anderson McLean.....	Recorder.
“ Edwin Thompson Whitcomb.....	Standard Bearer.
“ George Washington Flynn.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Joseph Park.....	Warder.
“ Eli Jonathan Heller.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869	53
Created	16
	— 69
Dimitted	21
	—
Members, 1870.....	48

CRUSADER COMMANDERY, No. 17, ROCKFORD.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John R. Porter.....	Commander.
Sir Henry Richings.....	Generalissimo.
" Richard S. Norman.....	Captain General.
" "	Prelate.
" John B. Mulliken	Senior Warden.
" Calvin L. Robinson.....	Junior Warden.
" David D. Alling.....	Treasurer.
" Samuel W. Stanley.....	Recorder.
" Thomas Scott.....	Standard Bearer.
" Charles A. Lundgren.....	Sword Bearer.
" Horace Chandler.....	Warder.
" William Nicholls.....	Captain of the Guard.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	59
Created	6
Admitted.....	1
	— 66
Dimitted.....	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	65

EVERTS COMMANDERY, No. 18, ROCK ISLAND.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir J. Silas Leas.....	Commander.
Sir E. Burrall, Jr.....	Generalissimo.
" J. Ross Mills.....	Captain General.
" John L. Ramsey.....	Prelate.
" Peter Bogue.....	Senior Warden.
" H. A. Barnard.....	Junior Warden.
" Louis Kiesow.....	Treasurer.
" Henry C. Cleveland.....	Recorder.
" John M. Buford.....	Standard Bearer.
" V. M. Blanding.....	Sword Bearer.
" Morris Rosenfield.....	Warder.
" Thomas Thornton.....	Captain of the Guard.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 29

CHICAGO COMMANDERY, No. 19, CHICAGO.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves on the first and third Mondays of each month.

E. Sir George Henry Gibson.....	Commander.
Sir Charles McFarland	Generalissimo.
“ Edward Clarence Hubbard.....	Captain General.
“ John McLeish	Prelate.
“ William Henry Woodbury	Senior Warden.
“ Andrew Jackson Close	Junior Warden.
“ Charles Ellery Chase.....	Treasurer.
“ John Whitley	Recorder.
“ Truman Warren Steele	Standard Bearer.
“ James Irons.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Herman Adolph Pundt	Warder.
“ Silas Peabody Crumb.....	Captain of the Guards

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	138
Created	17
	— 155
Dimitted	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	154

TEMPLE COMMANDERY, No. 20, PRINCETON.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves Monday, on or before the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Joseph Mesigh	Commander.
Sir Cairo Darius Trimble	Generalissimo.
“ Levi Randal Jerome	Captain General.
“ George Crossley	Prelate.
“ Jefferson Harrison Fawcett	Senior Warden.
“ George Washington Crossley	Junior Warden.
“ Joseph Mercer	Treasurer.
“ William Bacon	Recorder.
“ John Martin Wilson	Standard Bearer.
“ George Chritzman	Sword Bearer.
“ Ezra Seaver	Warder.
“ James Vandergrift	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	34
Died	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	33

DIXON COMMANDERY, No. 21, DIXON.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Anderson Levanway.....	Commander.
Sir Jason Cyrus Ayers	Generalissimo.
" Samuel Ledman Myers.....	Captain General.
" George Hyde Sampson	Prelate.
" Alfred Storrs Dimick.....	Senior Warden.
" Jacob Minnick Patrick.....	Junior Warden.
" James Bronson Pomeroy.....	Treasurer.
" Horace W. Beale.....	Recorder.
" Daniel William McKinney.....	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph William Latta.....	Sword Bearer.
" William Culbertson Robinson.....	Warder.
" Hiram Smith Mead.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	55
Created	7
	— 62
Dimitted	2
	—
Members, 1870.....	60

AURORA COMMANDERY, No. 22, AURORA.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the first and third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir James Walker.....	Commander.
Sir A. R. Bartlett.....	Generalissimo.
“ J. B. Hall	Captain General.
“ W. H. Barrett.....	Prelate.
“ Geo. W. Smith.....	Senior Warden.
“ Truman H. Day.....	Junior Warden.
“ John Jasoy	Treasurer.
“ J. H. Thompson.....	Recorder.
“ Selah Williams.....	Standard Bearer.
“ E. A. Bradley.....	Sword Bearer.
“ J. A. Cook	Warder.
“ Burr Winton	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	64
Created	19
Admitted	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	84

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 23, CENTRALIA.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Hiram Warner Hubbard.....	Commander.
Sir William Strong Pease.....	Generalissimo.
“ William Julius Augustus DeLancey.....	Captain General.
“ John Dew Gillham.....	Prelate.
“ Abram Wimple Van Antwerp.....	Senior Warden.
“ Charles Frederick Lape.....	Junior Warden.
“ Henry Dwight Buck.....	Treasurer.
“ Henry Dwight Buck.....	Recorder.
“ Thomas Leander Parkenson.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Henry Little Rhodes.....	Sword Bearer.
“ John Killan Lape.....	Warder.
“ Ole Torgenson.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	27
Created	3
	—
Members, 1870.....	30

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 24, BLOOMINGTON.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the first Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Josiah Drummond Harbert.....	Commander.
Sir Benjamin Reubin Baughen.....	Generalissimo.
“ Alonzo Anderson Lamb.....	Captain General.
“ John C. Rybolt.....	Prelate.
“ Jabez Brewater.....	Senior Warden.
“ Hiram Dunn Harris.....	Junior Warden.
“ Joshua Carmon Ellis.....	Treasurer.
“ John M. Stillwill.....	Recorder.
“ Moses Guthrie Harbord.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Edwin L. Pettibone	Sword Bearer.
“ Henry Bliss Wright.....	Warder.
“ Samuel Rouch.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	72
Created	17
Admitted.....	2
	—
Members, 1870.....	91

CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 25, WOODSTOCK.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir James Northrop.....	..Commander.
Sir George H. Austin.....	Generalissimo.
“ Edwin E. Thomas.....	Captain General.
“ Richard K. Todd.....	Prelate.
“ George H. Stinson.....	Senior Warden.
“ Leander Church.....	Junior Warden.
“ John S. Wheat.....	Treasurer.
“ Alexander S. Stuart.....	Recorder.
“ Frederick Arnold.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Eben E. Sherwood.....	Sword Bearer.
“ William H. Sanford.....	Warder.
“ Rudolph Deisel.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	55
Created	5
	— 60
Dimitted	1
Died.....	3
	— 4
	—
Members, 1870.....	56

ST. JOHN COMMANDERY, No. 26, PERU.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William B. Powell.....	Commander.
Sir Robert C. Hattenhauer.....	Generalissimo.
“ Charles Bruner.....	Captain General.
“ Joseph R. Fairfield.....	Prelate.
“ Peter Sonne.....	Senior Warden.
“ Amasa Foot.....	Junior Warden.
“ Peter Throne.....	Treasurer.
“ Conrad A. T. E. Holmes.....	Recorder.
“ Charles W. Grassmock.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Peter Bowers.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Jacob B. Lininger.....	Warder.
“ Charles Leofer.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	23
Died.....	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	22

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 27, PARIS.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the second Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Jeremiah Curl.....	Commander.
Sir Elois P. Shaw.....	Generalissimo.
“ Arthur C. Connely.....	Captain General.
“ David M. Weider.....	Prelate.
“ Jacob M. Bell.	Senior Warden.
“ Levi Sisk.....	Junior Warden.
“ William C. Walker.....	Treasurer.
“ Joseph E. Dyas.....	Recorder.
“ Burt. Holcombe.....	Standard Bearer.
“ John W. Neal.....	Sword Bearer.
“ William H. Geohegan.....	Warder.
“ Joshua O. H. Batterton.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	30
Created	8
	— 38
Suspended.....	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	37

BETHANY COMMANDERY, No. 28, MENDOTA.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

Stated Conclaves on the first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir George Emerson.....	Commander.
Sir Joseph William Edwards.....	Generalissimo.
“ David Alpheus Cook.....	Captain General.
“ William Shaw Harrington.....	Prelate.
“ Preston Irving Davis.....	Senior Warden.
“ Robert L. Gilmore.....	Junior Warden.
“ James Brown Dawson.....	Treasurer.
“ Frederick Henry Haskell.....	Recorder.
“ Samuel Morrison.....	Standard Bearer.
“ William Tournan	Sword Bearer.
“ Anthony Bennett Gould.....	Warder.
“ Jason Reed Liscom.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 23

HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, No. 29, CARROLLTON.

Chartered October 29, 1868.

Stated Conclaves on the fourth Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Henry Clay Withers.....	Commander.
Sir Frank Winfield.....	Generalissimo.
“ James Boutwell Samuel.....	Captain General.
“ Morgan L. Wood.....	Prelate.
“ George Washington Davis.....	Senior Warden.
“ Jerome Bonaparte Nulton.....	Junior Warden.
“ William Laban Greene.....	Treasurer.
“ William Lindsay Orr.....	Recorder.
“ James Porter Morrow.....	Standard Bearer.
“ George Levi Hassett.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Charles Wesley Keeley.....	Warder.
“ William Laban Greene.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	22
Created	6
	— 28
Dimitted	3
Members, 1870.....	25

SAINT OMER COMMANDERY, No. 30, LITCHFIELD.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

Stated Conclaves on the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir George Mortimer Raymond.....	Commander.
Sir Samuel Davidson Kirkpatrick	Generalissimo.
“ L. F. Stoddard.....	Captain General
“ Puicen B. Updyke.....	Prelate.
“ George W. Amsden.....	Senior Warden.
“ George W. Sparks.....	Junior Warden.
“ Benjamin C. Beardsley.....	Treasurer.
“ James Rogers.....	Recorder.
“ Wesley Best.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Aaron W. Samson.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Charles Bush.....	Warder.
“ Chester W. Parish.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	18
Created.....	5
	— 23
Dimitted.....	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	22

HOSPITALER COMMANDERY, No. 31, JACKSONVILLE.

Chartered October 27, 1869.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Philip G. Gillett.....	Commander.
Sir Charles M. Morse	Generalissimo.
“ Calvin W. McLain.....	Captain General.
“ Harvey W. Milligan.....	Prelate.
“ Charles H. Howard.....	Senior Warden.
“ Leonard W. Chambers	Junior Warden.
“ Thomas Turley.....	Treasurer.
“ James M. Dunlap	Recorder.
“ William H. Smith	Standard Bearer.
“ Thomas J. Bronson	Sword Bearer.
“ Wesley Platt.....	Warder.
“ William S. Hurst.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	30
Created	31
Admitted	10
	— 71
Dimitted	1
	—
Members, 1870.....	70

ALMÖNER COMMANDERY, No. 32, AUGUSTA.

Chartered October 27, 1869.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Henry Gerrish Dearborn.....	Commander.
Sir Randolph Coman Michaels.....	Generalissimo.
“ Issachar Alonzo Jones.....	Captain General.
“ Andrus Fellows Ashley.....	Prelate.
“ John Andrew Ross.....	Senior Warden.
“ James Cooper Bertholf.....	Junior Warden.
“ Daniel Hamilton Smisegood	Treasurer.
“ Joel Eugene Jones.....	Recorder.
“ William George Leach	Standard Bearer.
“ James Kinghorn.....	Sword Bearer.
“ John Frederick Steinbarger.....	Warder.
“ Peter Proctor Newcomb.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	25
Created	6
Admitted.....	10
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Members, 1870.....	41

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 33, KANKAKEE.

Chartered October 27, 1869.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Thomas Philip Bonfield.....	Commander.
Sir Christopher Willis Knott.....	Generalissimo.
“ Haswell Cordis Clarke	Captain General.
“ John Keyes Croswell.....	Prelate.
“ William Aiken Sibley.....	Senior Warden.
“ Daniel Carswell Taylor.....	Junior Warden.
“ Israel Burdett Hatch.....	Treasurer.
“ John Joseph Hendricks	Recorder.
“ Ryland DeWitt Sherman.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Milton DeLos Butts.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Fayette Smith Hatch.....	Warder.
“ John Benjamin Dusingbury.....	Captain of the Guards.

STATISTICS.

Members, 1869.....	7
Created	7
Admitted	11
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Members, 1870.....	25

ST. PAUL COMMANDERY, No. 34, FAIRBURY.

Dispensation issued November 19, 1869.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Jay Wright.....	Commander.
Sir Benjamin E. Robinson	Generalissimo.
“ Nathaniel T. P. Robertson	Captain General.
“ James Cairnes	Prelate.
“ Samuel Robert Roberts.....	Senior Warden.
“ Horace Mann Gillett.....	Junior Warden.
“ Henry Remington	Treasurer.
“ John Zimmerman.....	Recorder.
“ James B. T. Mann.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Addison J. Archer	Sword Bearer.
“ Irvin E. Bliss.....	Warder.
“ James King, Sr	Captain of the Guards.

MEMBERS.

Jairns Thayer Bullard,
 Samuel Crumpton,
 Benjamin Crumpton,
 Charles Marshall Duncan,
 James Harvey Enslow,

Robert Burns Harrington,
 Harrison Hill,
 James King, Sr.,
 James King, Jr.,
 Frederick Swift.

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, No. 35, CHICAGO.

Dispensation issued February 10, 1870.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Edward Nelson Edwards	Commander.
Sir Frank A. Hayden	Generalissimo.
“ Louis Schaffner.....	Captain General.
“ George W. Wood.....	Prelate.
“ William H. Tunnicliff.....	Senior Warden.
“ Horace K. Beecham.....	Junior Warden.
“ Thomas E. Miller.....	Treasurer.
“ John Oscar Dickerson.....	Recorder.
“ William D. Smith	Standard Bearer.
“ George A. Macomb	Sword Bearer.
“ John J. Graham.....	Warder.
“ John P. Ferns.....	Captain of the Guards.

MEMBERS.

Gilbert W. Barnard,
 Benjamin S. Berry,
 George Black,
 Frank S. Butler,
 Isaac F. Crosby,
 David Dall,
 John P. Ferns,
 James C. Heffern,
 Hiram F. Holcomb,
 William Kerr,
 James W. Lawrence,
 Daniel Long,
 Granville S. Masters,
 John McDermott,

William R. Melville,
 Peter Peterson,
 Charles C. Phillips,
 Stephen G. Pitkin,
 George C. Prussing,
 Thomas Quayle,
 Otto Smith,
 Charles J. Stromberg,
 William H. Thomas,
 Alexander M. Thompson,
 Henry Turner,
 Asa D. Waldron,
 Dennis Ward,
 John Woodman.

BETHEL COMMANDERY, No. 36, ELGIN.

Dispensation issued March 10, 1870.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Samuel A. French.....	Commander.
Sir Thomas H. Foster.....	Generalissimo.
“ Thomas E. Lawrence.....	Captain General.
“ Henry B. Peirce.....	Prelate.
“ George W. Renwick.....	Senior Warden
“ Jonathan Tefft.....	Junior Warden.
“ Malcolm McNiel.....	Treasurer.
“ Smith Hoag.....	Recorder.
“ Horace French.....	Standard Bearer.
“ S. K. Larkin.....	Sword Bearer.
“ W. J. Hunter.....	Warder.
“ John A. Linnell.....	Captain of the Guards.

MEMBERS.

David F. Barclay,	George Menry Maule,
Anson Laman Clark,	John McNiel,
George William Farron,	Walter Lyman Pease,
James Flynn,	George DeForest, Sherman,
Marshall Nicholas Frederick,	Jared Franklin Spaulding,
Nathan H. Larkin,	Salem Everett Wild.

MELITA COMMANDERY, No. 37, TUSCOLA.

Dispensation issued March 23, 1870.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Howell Lamb.....	Commander.
Sir John Ervin.....	Generalissimo.
“ William Porteus Cannon.....	Captain General.
“ Derrick Lamb.....	Prelate.
“ Albertus Hawkins Elkin.....	Senior Warden.
“ George Luke Wicks.....	Junior Warden.
“ James Byron Hart.....	Treasurer.
“ Walter Burnham Dyer.....	Recorder.
“ Eleazur Turner Barrett.....	Warder.
“ Charles Franklin Lamb.....	Captain of the Guards.

MEMBERS.

Isaac Cosler,
James Byron Hart,

Manassah Moore Lawson.

MT. OLIVET COMMANDERY, No. 38, PAXTON.

Dispensation issued May 9, 1870.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Jacob Solomon Toy.....	Commander.
Sir Julius Wallace Scott.....	Generalissimo.
" Charles Henry Hawley.....	Captain General.
" Wilson Hoag.....	Prelate.
" George Jeremiah Shepardson.....	Senior Warden.
" Franklin Mason.....	Junior Warden.
" William Noel.....	Treasurer.
" George Jeremiah Shepardson.....	Recorder.
" Thomas Evans Barnhouse.....	Standard Bearer.
" William Noel.....	Sword Bearer.
" Allen Shepardson.....	Warder.
" Joshua Eaton Davis.....	Captain of the Guards.

MEMBERS.

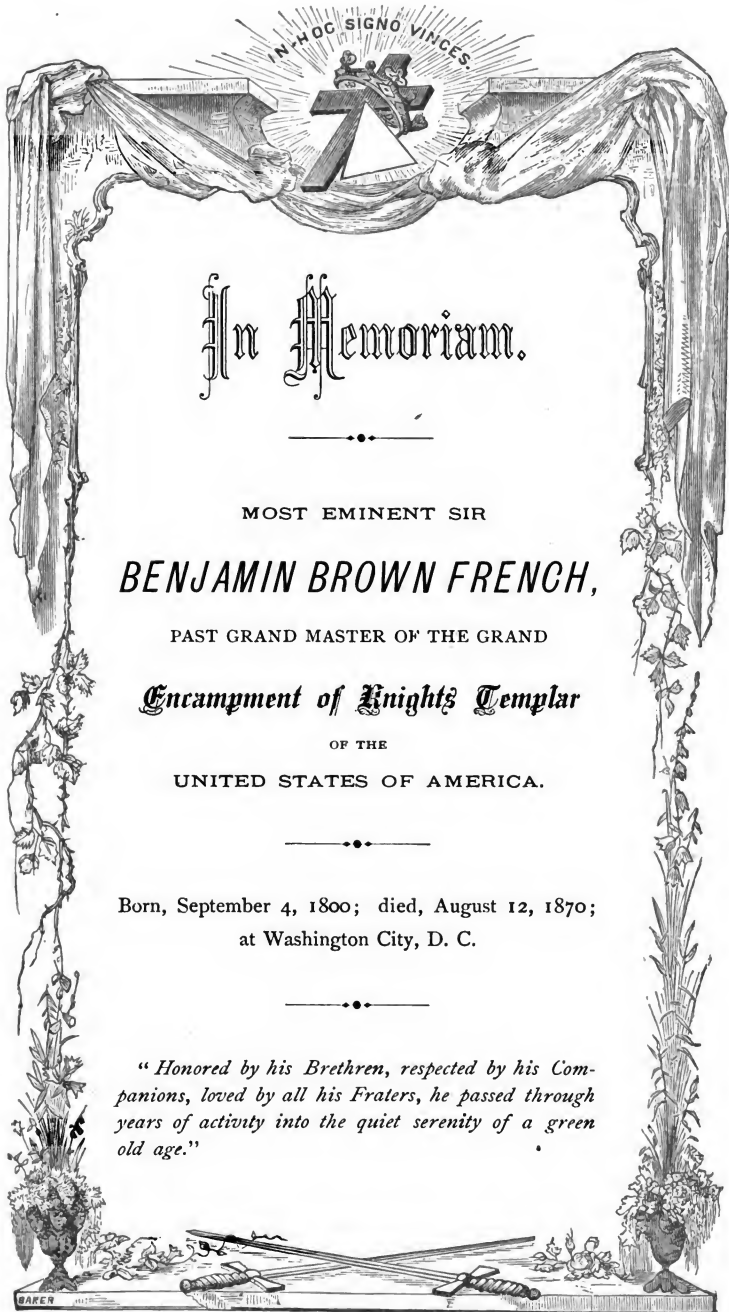
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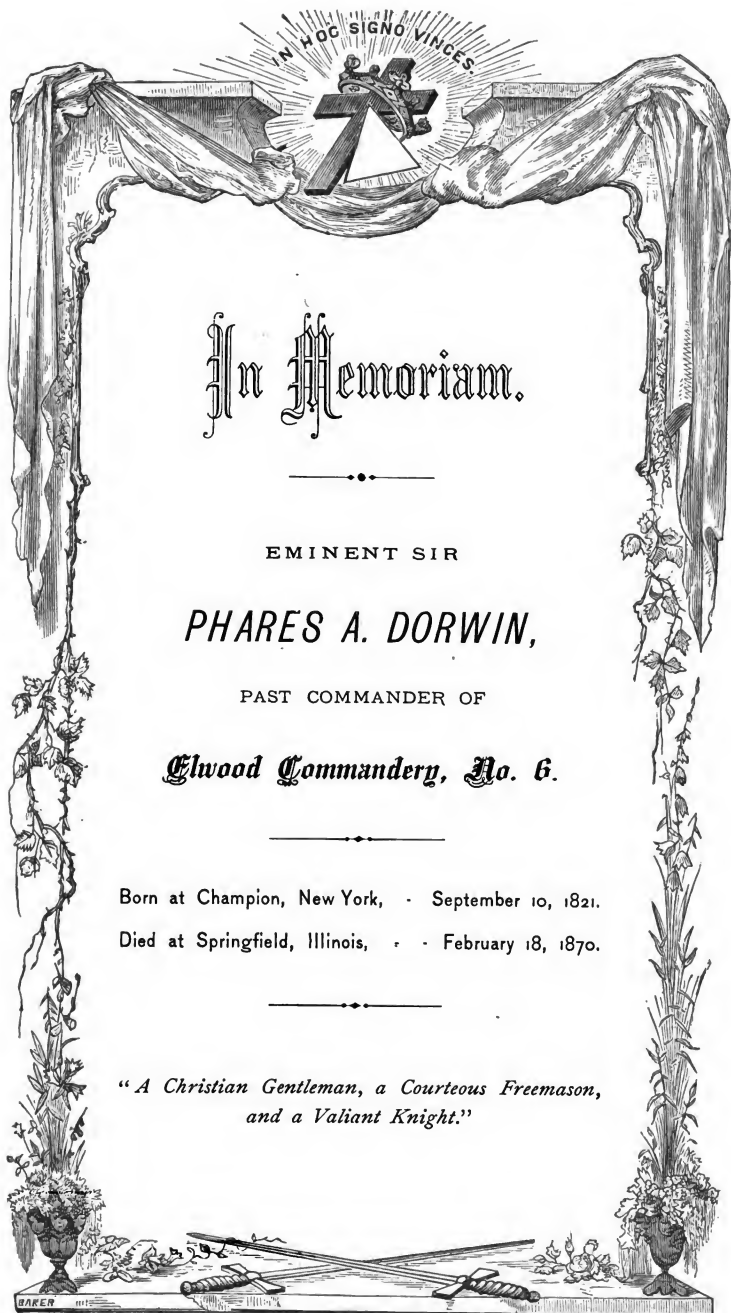
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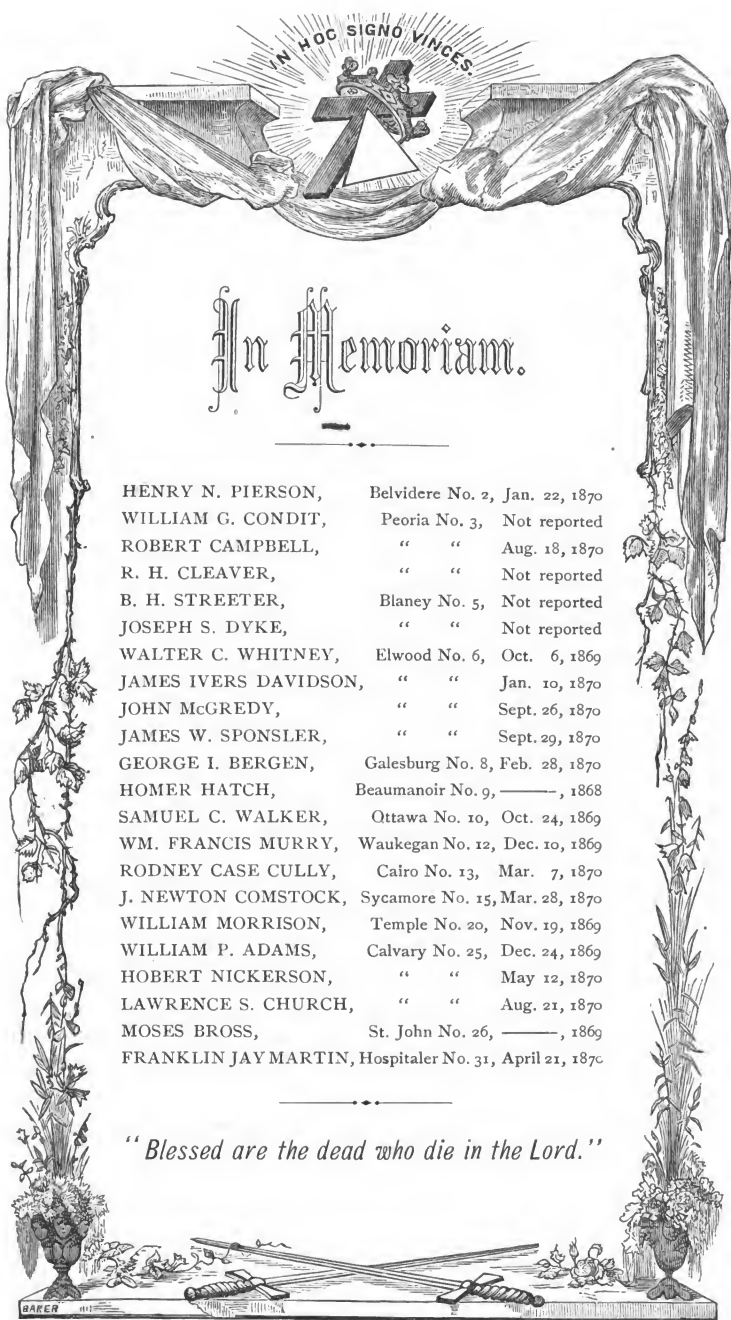
OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS,
SINCE ITS FORMATION.

Year.	Grand Commander.	Deputy Grand Commander.	Grand Generalissimo.	Grand Captain General.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1857	J. V. Z. Blaney,	C. B. Stebbins,	B. F. Barry,	H. A. Johnson,	R. H. Foss,	W. H. Turner,
1858	J. V. Z. Blaney,	Josiah Hunt,	B. F. Barry,	H. A. Johnson,	R. H. Foss,	W. H. Turner,
1859	Josiah Hunt,	H. A. Johnson,	N. D. Elwood,	F. K. Hurlburd,*	R. H. Foss,	W. H. Turner,
1860	H. A. Johnson,	N. D. Elwood,*	F. K. Hurlburd,	W. H. Turner,	R. H. Foss,	G. W. Deering,
1861	H. A. Johnson,	F. K. Hurlburd,	W. H. Turner,	D. C. Martin,	R. H. Foss,	H. C. Ranney,
1862	G. W. Deering,	W. H. Turner,	J. H. Hibbard,*	N. F. Prentice,	R. H. Foss,	H. C. Ranney,
1863	W. H. Turner,	J. H. Hibbard,*	N. F. Prentice,	P. A. Armstrong,	R. H. Foss,	H. C. Ranney,
1864	N. F. Prentice,	P. A. Armstrong,	V. L. Hurlbut,	G. C. Lanphere,	R. H. Foss,	H. C. Ranney,
1865	H. C. Ranney,	G. C. Lanphere,	J. R. Gorin,	W. Rounseville,	R. H. Foss,	J. H. Miles,
1866	G. C. Lanphere,	J. R. Gorin,	W. Rounseville,	W. E. Oven,	R. H. Foss,	J. H. Miles,
1867	V. L. Hurlbut,	J. R. Gorin,	W. E. Oven,	C. E. Munger,	R. H. Foss,	J. H. Miles,
1868	J. R. Gorin,	C. E. Munger,	A. J. Dunning,	J. M. Pearson,	R. H. Foss,	J. H. Miles,
1869	C. E. Munger,	J. M. Pearson,	W. M. Egan,	D. Dustin,	R. H. Foss,	J. H. Miles,
1870	J. M. Pearson,	W. M. Egan.	D. Dustin.	J. A. Hawley.	R. H. Foss.	J. H. Miles.

* Deceased.







In Memoriam.

HENRY N. PIERSON,	Belvidere No. 2, Jan. 22, 1870
WILLIAM G. CONDIT,	Peoria No. 3, Not reported
ROBERT CAMPBELL,	" " Aug. 18, 1870
R. H. CLEAVER,	" " Not reported
B. H. STREETER,	Blaney No. 5, Not reported
JOSEPH S. DYKE,	" " Not reported
WALTER C. WHITNEY,	Elwood No. 6, Oct. 6, 1869
JAMES IVERS DAVIDSON,	" " Jan. 10, 1870
JOHN MCGREDY,	" " Sept. 26, 1870
JAMES W. SPONSER,	" " Sept. 29, 1870
GEORGE I. BERGEN,	Galesburg No. 8, Feb. 28, 1870
HOMER HATCH,	Beaumanoir No. 9, ———, 1868
SAMUEL C. WALKER,	Ottawa No. 10, Oct. 24, 1869
WM. FRANCIS MURRY,	Waukegan No. 12, Dec. 10, 1869
RODNEY CASE CULLY,	Cairo No. 13, Mar. 7, 1870
J. NEWTON COMSTOCK,	Sycamore No. 15, Mar. 28, 1870
WILLIAM MORRISON,	Temple No. 20, Nov. 19, 1869
WILLIAM P. ADAMS,	Calvary No. 25, Dec. 24, 1869
HOBERT NICKERSON,	" " May 12, 1870
LAWRENCE S. CHURCH,	" " Aug. 21, 1870
MOSES BROSS,	St. John No. 26, ———, 1869
FRANKLIN JAY MARTIN,	Hospitaller No. 31, April 21, 1870

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

RESOLUTIONS NOW IN FORCE.

No. 1, 1858: *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be required, at each annual Grand Conclave, to furnish the Grand Treasurer a copy of the report on mileage and per diem, and that the Grand Treasurer pay over the money as specified in said report, and take receipts upon said report, which shall be his sufficient voucher.

No. 2, 1858: *Resolved*, That suspension or expulsion of one who is a Sir Knight, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, from a Lodge or Chapter, shall be deemed sufficient cause for striking his name from the roll, without trial or notice: *provided*, that, in case of appeals, no action shall be taken in the Commanderies, until final action is had upon the matter in the body to which such appeal is taken.

No. 3, 1858: *Resolved*, That Sir Knights are not liable for dues to the chartered Commanderies to which they belong, while working in a Commandery under Dispensation.

No. 4, 1858: *Resolved*, That a Commandery is at work, under Dispensation, from the date of the Dispensation.

No. 5, 1858: *Resolved*, That Sir Knights working under Dispensation, intending to retain their membership in the Chartered Commanderies to which they belong, may pay dues to said Chartered Commanderies, upon giving notice to said Commanderies under Dispensation.

No. 6, 1858: *Resolved*, That Sir Knights working in a Commandery under Dispensation, are entitled to remain with such Commanderies upon obtaining a Charter, or to retain their membership in the Commandery to which they previously belonged.

No. 7, 1859: *Resolved*, That the form of Burial Service adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, be ordered to be used by the Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction.

No. 8, 1859: *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction be required to open and close once in each month.

No. 10, 1863: *Resolved*, That the R. E. Grand Commander be authorized to appoint an Inspector General, when, in his opinion, it shall be proper to do so, whose duty it shall be, when called upon by any Commandery, or when ordered to do so by the Grand Commander, to inspect the drill, opening and closing ceremonies, and work of Commanderies, and give instruction in the same.

No. 11, 1864: *Resolved*, That our representatives to the Grand Encampment, be instructed to vote against any further changes in the Uniform of a Knight Templar, and against any change in the style and title of officers.

No. 12, 1867: *Resolved*, That when the work on Tactics and Drill is promulgated, the Grand Recorder be instructed to publish them in text-book form, and that, also, he publish with it the monitorial portion of the work, the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, the Burial Service, and the Installation and Dedication Services of the same, and that he furnish copies to Commanderies and Sir Knights at cost price.

No. 13, 1868: *Resolved*, That every petition for a Dispensation for a Subordinate Commandery shall state, in addition to the matters heretofore usually set forth, that some one of the petitioners, who shall be named, is competent to discharge the duties of Eminent Commander in conducting the ordinary business of a Commandery, and is, also, sufficiently skilled in the Work and Ritual of the Order to be able to open and close a Commandery in due form, and to confer the Orders of Knighthood in a proper manner; and the recommendation required from the nearest Commandery shall affirm that the facts stated in the petition are true, and the Commandery so recommending shall be held responsible to the Grand Commandery for the truth of such affirmation.

No. 14, 1868: *Resolved*, That all Commanderies Chartered at this Grand Annual Conclave, and all Commanderies hereafter created, be, and they are hereby, ordered to prepare a code of by-laws for their government, and submit the same to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for his approval, before the same shall be considered regular and in due form.

No. 15, 1868: *Resolved*, That the Grand Commander be authorized to appoint some skillful Sir Knight annually as Inspector General, who shall be authorized to instruct Commanderies and Sir Knights in the Tactics and Drill, Ritual and Work of the Orders, at the expense of those by whom he may be employed.

No. 16, 1868: *Resolved*, That each Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction be furnished with three copies of the Tactics and Drill adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that they be required to conform thereto.

No. 17, 1868: *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to procure a jewel for each Past Grand Commander, with suitable devices and inscriptions.

No. 18, 1869: *Resolved*, That all representatives of Foreign Grand Bodies appointed, or hereafter appointed, take rank in this Grand Commandery as Grand Captains General.

No. 19, 1869: *Resolved*, That amendments in Subordinate Commanderies, increasing fees, increasing or reducing dues, or regulating times of meeting, do not require the action of this Grand Body.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

Georgia	Sir Samuel P. Hamilton.
Kentucky	Sir A. G. Hodges.
Maine.....	Sir Josiah H. Drummond.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	Sir William S. Gardner.
Missouri.....	Sir George Frank Gouley.
New Hampshire.....	Sir William Barrett.
New York.....	Sir John W. Simons.
Ohio.....	Sir Heman Ely.
Pennsylvania.....	Sir Alfred Creigh.
Tennessee	Sir John Zent.
Vermont.....	Sir John B. Hollenbeck.

APPOINTED NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

Georgia.....	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
Kentucky.....	Sir Charles E. Munger.
Missouri.....	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
New York.....	Sir Harman G. Reynolds.
Ohio.....	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
Pennsylvania.....	Sir Harman G. Reynolds.
Tennessee	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
Vermont.....	Sir James H. Miles.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.
1870-71.

R. E. SIR JOHN MILLS PEARSON.....	Grand Commander	Godfrey.
V. E. SIR WILEY MICHAEL EGAN	Dep. Gr. Commander.....	Chicago.
E. SIR DANIEL DUSTIN.....	Gr. Generalissimo.....	Sycamore.
" JAMES ANDREW HAWLEY.....	Gr. Captain General.....	Dixon.
REV. E. SIR CHARLES ALLEN GILBERT.....	Grand Prelate.....	Joliet.
E. SIR ROBERT HARRIS FOSS.....	Grand Treasurer.....	Chicago.
" JAMES HOGE MILES.....	Grand Recorder.....	Chicago.
" HIRAM WARNER HUBBARD.....	Grand Senior Warden.....	Centralia.
" THEODORE TUTHILL GURNEY.....	Grand Junior Warden.....	Chicago.
" LOUIS HENRY JORGENSEN.....	Grand Standard Bearer.....	Cairo.
" ASA WELLINGTON BLAKESLEY.....	Grand Sword Bearer.....	Quincy.
" JOHN FISK NASH.....	Grand Warder.....	Ottawa.
" LOCKWOOD KEELER OSBORN.....	Gr. Captain of the Guards.....	Chicago.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

E. SIR J. H. MILES. E. SIR H. G. REYNOLDS. E. SIR J. E. FORRESTER.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. E. SIR C. E. MUNGER. R. E. SIR J. R. GORIN. R. E. SIR V. L. HURLBUT.

INSPECTOR GENERAL.

E. SIR CHARLES H. BROWER.



ADDRESSES.

Right Eminent Sir John Mills Pearson,

GRAND COMMANDER,

GODFREY,

Eminent Sir James Hoge Miles,

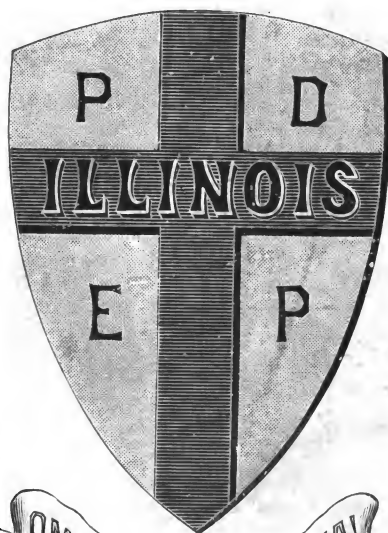
GRAND RECORDER,

CHICAGO.

P. O. Drawer 5984.

*The next Annual Conclave (Fifteenth,) will be held in the City of Chicago, on
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Grand Commandery.



1871.

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Grand Commandery

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

HELD AT THE HALL OF

Cleveland Lodge No. 211, in the City of Chicago,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, A. D. 1871, A. O. 753.

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GRAND COMMANDER.

E. SIR JAMES HOGE MILES,
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, together with the Past Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimo(s), and Captain Generals, of the several chartered Commanderies subordinate to said Grand Commandery, while holding said offices, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and description of "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois."

§ 2. The said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, shall have full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all manner of actions at law or in equity, in all places where legal or equitable proceedings are had. The said corporation shall have power to make such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations for its own government and the management of its concerns and government of its subordinates, as shall be deemed advisable, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State and of the United States.

§ 3. The said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying real and personal estate, for the benefit of said corporation: *Provided*, That said corporation shall not, at any one time, hold personal or mixed property to an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, nor real estate to an amount exceeding two thousand acres of land.

§ 4. That said corporation shall have power to loan money belonging to the same, and take promissory notes or other evidences of debt for money so loaned or any property sold, which may be recovered in their corporate name aforesaid, in all courts and places where judicial proceedings are had.

§ 5. The said corporation is also authorized to borrow money in sums not exceeding one thousand dollars at any one time, and at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent. per annum.

§ 6. In the management of its business concerns, said corporation is hereby authorized to appoint such agents, officers and attorneys for that purpose, as from time to time may be deemed proper.

§ 7. Each subordinate Commandery under the jurisdiction of the aforesaid Grand Commandery, now in existence, or which may hereafter be chartered by the same, is hereby also declared to be a body politic and corporate, by and under the name, style and number set forth in their respective charters, and by such designation they may, respectively, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend against all suits arising in law or chancery, in all the courts of this State. The said subordinate Commanderies, respectively, shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding or receiving, by purchase, gift or otherwise, and of selling and conveying real and personal estate for the benefit of said subordinate Commanderies respectively.

§ 8. So far as applicable, the provisions of sections four (4), five (5) and six (6) of this act shall be applicable to each of said subordinate Commanderies.

§ 9. In case any subordinate Commandery shall cease to exist, all its property, records and franchises shall vest in the Grand Commandery aforesaid.

§ 10. This act shall be held and deemed a public act and shall be liberally construed by all courts for the benefit of said corporation.

§ 11. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1867.

WILLIAM BROSS,

President of the Senate.

FRANKLIN CORWIN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD J. OGLESBY, *Governor.*

Attest: SHARON TYNDALE, *Secretary of State.*

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois assembled at their Fifteenth Annual Conclave, in the Hall of Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, in the city of Chicago, on Tuesday the 24th day of October, Anno Domini 1871, Anno Ordinis 753, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

OFFICERS.

R. E. SIR	JOHN MILLS PEARSON.....	Grand Commander.
V. E. "	WILEY MICHAEL EGAN.....	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. "	DANIEL DUSTIN	Grand Generalissimo.
" "	JAMES ANDREW HAWLEY	Grand Captain General.
" "	HARMAN GANSEVOORT REYNOLDS, as	Grand Prelate.
" "	HIRAM WARNER HUBBARD	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	THEODORE TUTHILL GURNEY ..	Grand Junior Warden.
" "	ROBERT HARRIS FOSS.....	Grand Treasurer.
" "	JAMES HOGE MILES	Grand Recorder.
" "	LOUIS HENRY JORGENSEN	Grand Standard Bearer.
" "	ASA WELLINGTON BLAKESLEY ..	Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	JOHN FISK NASH	Grand Warder.
" "	LOCKWOOD KEELER OSBORN ..	Grand Capt'n of the Guards.
" "	CHARLES HOMAN BROWER.....	Inspector General.

And the representatives of thirty-five Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois was opened in ample and Knightly Form by the R. E. Grand Commander, assisted by the Sir Knights present, E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds, as Grand Prelate, officiating at the Altar.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the reading of the records of the last Annual Conclave be dispensed with (printed copies being in the hands of the Sir Knights present).

Voted, That all Sir Knights in good standing in the Order be invited to take seats in this Grand Conclave as visitors.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees :

On Credentials—Sirs Robert B. Smith, Sylvester Stevens and Eugene B. Myers.

On Visitors—Sirs Augustus A. Murray, Robert L. McGuire and John L. White.

On Doings of Grand Officers—Sirs William Rounseville, Henry G. Dearborn and Arthur R. Atkins.

On Charters and Dispensations—Sirs Silas O. Vaughn, Claiborne Winston and Francis G. Jaques.

On Finance and Accounts—Sirs William A. Levanway, Orlin H. Miner and Asa W. Blakesley.

On Grievance—Sirs Hiram W. Hubbard, Samuel C. Stearns and Charles H. Brower.

On Unfinished Business—Sirs George M. Raymond, Perry A. Armstrong and William S. Pease.

On Mileage and Per Diem—Sirs Calvin W. McLean, Levi R. Jerome and Edward N. Edwards.

On Masonic Correspondence—Sirs James H. Miles, Harman G. Reynolds and Jonathan E. Forrester.

On Templar Jurisprudence—Sirs Vincent L. Hurlbut, Wiley M. Egan and Harman G. Reynolds.

The R. E. Grand Commander, by authority of the Grand Encampment of the United States, proceeded to install R. E. Sir Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, into the office of Grand Generalissimo.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered his Annual Address, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers :

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights of Illinois :

Three weeks since, while in this city attending the annual meeting of kindred bodies, and listening with interest to the reports of their respective officers, and learning with glad heart how well it had fared with the craft during the year throughout our jurisdiction, it naturally occurred to me what account I could render of my stewardship, and with what words I should greet you.

The main ideas were these: A little confusion on questions of jurisdiction; some thoughts about the ritual; pleasant memories of a Grand Encampment at Baltimore, with right true Knightly courtesy extended to your Representatives, as well as to many of our members and subordinates; a dispensation or two granted to form new Commanderies, and, on the whole, peace and quiet throughout our borders. These, with the necessary details, comprised my report.

My year of official life had been uneventful, and, as has been well said, "such lives are happy ones," so had it been with mine. I had thought to remind you, because in our prosperity we are apt to forget, of the words of the Redeemer, that "the poor ye have always with you;" and although we may not now be called to draw our swords "in defense of the helpless and the Christian religion," still that so long as the helpless are in our midst, and the wrong overrides the right, it becomes us to use all our offensive and defensive armor to overthrow the one and aid the other—that the widow and the orphan still need our care, and that we, as true and courteous Knights, profess to carry out, in ways adapted to our time, the same magnanimous creed of the Knights of early days, and to charge you, each one, not to be recreant to your solemn Knightly vows. Little did I think that this duty would be set before you in letters so bold and in characters so clear before we met; little did we expect to meet, face to face, suffering so extreme, or calamity as dire as has befallen us. I say *us*, for in this "the members should have the same care one for another, and whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

For a reason we may not know, and in a way the most appalling, we witness to-day, the result of as dire a calamity as ever befell any community. Lives have been lost, homes destroyed, business prostrated, the accumulations of years swept away; and had we not been taught to believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, and in a life beyond this, and more, as Knights, to trust in the Great Redeemer of mankind, well might we sit down in despair and weep, that the labors of so many years are so suddenly destroyed.

But no! firm in that faith we have long since avouched, we believe that out of evil must come good; and, though we cannot now see the way, we are sure that He who created us, knows best how to dispose of us, and doeth all things well.

The duty of the hour is clear. Brotherly love and relief are among our cardinal virtues. "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee, turn not thou away," are the words of the Master. Abler tongues than mine have told, and are telling the story. The journals of the day are full of the distressing details. Upon the hearts of some of you, it is graven as with a pen of iron.

I shall add no word to this. Surely, as I said, the poor ye have always with you. Remember the admonition of St. John the Evangelist: "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Channels, through which your benevolence may find certain course, are already provided. Do your duty now, "*O mie fraters*," as ye would that men should do unto you.

Immediately upon the close of the last Grand Conclave, I issued my proxy to constitute the newly chartered Commanderies, as follows: To Sir Josiah D. Harbert, for St. Paul, No. 34; Sir Daniel Dustin, for Bethel, No. 36; Eminent Sir Francis G. Jaques, for Milita, No. 37, and Mount Olivet, No. 38, which duties were duly performed and due returns made thereof.

Instructed by resolution of the Grand Commandery, I "entered into correspondence with the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United

States, as to the right of this Grand Commandery to adopt a regulation requiring the possession of the Council degrees, as a pre-requisite to the conferring the orders of Knighthood."

In reply, the M. E. Grand Master gave a very full digest of the law and former decisions upon this matter, and, in substance, decided that "the Grand Commandery of Illinois had no right to adopt a regulation requiring the possession of the Council degrees as a pre-requisite to the conferring the orders of Knighthood." Such being the decision, no farther action was taken.

The reply of the Grand Master is so full and complete on this subject, that I recommend its publication in our printed report, for future reference. I will here state, that in conversation with Sir Knights, in a jurisdiction where such a regulation is said to exist, I was informed "that although it could not be required by by-law, yet the sentiment of their Commanderies was such that it would be useless for a Companion Royal Arch Mason to apply for the orders of Knighthood, unless he were also a Royal and Select Master."

Perhaps I need not say that I do not sympathise with such a method of enacting law.

The letter of the Grand Master is as follows :

BOSTON, *February 10, 1871.*

R. E. SIR JOHN M. PEARSON,

Grand Commander of Illinois :

MY DEAR SIR AND R. E. FRATER.—I am in receipt of your kind favor, enclosing a copy of the record of your Grand Commandery, wherein it was

"*Resolved*, That the R. E. Grand Commander be requested to enter into correspondence with the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment as to the right of this Grand Commandery to adopt a regulation requiring the possession of the Council degrees as a pre-requisite to the conferring of the orders of Knighthood."

Since receiving your communication, I have gone over the Proceedings of our Grand Encampment with some care, and I find that this question has heretofore engaged the attention of the Grand Encampment.

On the 9th of September, 1856, at Hartford, General Grand Master Hubbard, in his annual address before the General Grand Encampment, said :

"A provision in a by-law of one of our Grand Subordinates, is so prominent in its importance and consequences, that I have deemed it advisable to bring it especially to your notice. In the tenth article of the by-laws of the State Grand Encampment of Connecticut, it is required of the candidate for the orders, to be possessed of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, in addition to those named in the second section of the third article of the General Grand Constitution. Deeming this requisition an infringement upon the spirit and meaning of the foregoing section of our General Grand Constitution ; that it would also 'materially affect the work, and tend to interrupt the present union and harmony now so happily extant among our brethren throughout our widely extended jurisdiction, especially when brought together in general conclave,' that I promptly disapproved

of the same, and so advised our Illustrious Grand Master of the State Grand Subordinate, and requested him to notify his subordinates of my decision, that so much of the aforesaid tenth section as related to Royal and Select Masters, was not in force, and would remain inoperative, unless thereafter approved by your honorable body."

This portion of the address was referred to the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence, consisting of Sir Philip O. Tucker, of Vermont, Sir Charles W. Moore, of Massachusetts, Sir W. H. Drew, of New York, Sir Philip T. Schley, of Georgia, and Sir John Christie, of New Hampshire.

On the 15th of September, this Committee reported, *inter alia*, that they "are of opinion that the degrees of Royal and Select Masters were never constitutionally required to be possessed by candidates as pre-requisite to taking the Encampment degrees, and never ought to be so required."

This report, on motion of "Sir Knight Mackey," was postponed to the next triennial session, and was ordered to be printed with accompanying papers, in the Proceedings, and was so printed.

At the session of the Grand Encampment, held in your own State, at Chicago, September 4, 1859, on motion of Sir Kent Jarvis, it was

"Ordered, That the edicts and decisions of the Grand Master, as printed, and the report of the Committee on the same, made at the last triennial session, be reported to the Committee on Jurisprudence."

This Committee consisted of Sir John W. Simons, of New York, Sir Asa Smith, of Connecticut, Sir Daniel A. Piper, of Maryland, Sir Henry L. Palmer, of Wisconsin, and Sir Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa.

In the report of this Committee, made on the 17th of the same September, they say:

"In reference to the decisions cited by the Committee, and referred to us, we desire to say that we fully agree with all of them except the last."

This report was adopted by the Grand Encampment. The exception referred to in the report does not allude to the decision relating to Royal and Select Masters. Here we have an adjudication by the Grand Encampment upon this question, although it would appear that neither Grand Recorder Risk nor Sir B. B. French understood it as such. But an examination of the Proceedings, and of the citations above made, makes it clear beyond a doubt, that the decisions of Grand Master Hubbard, and the report of the Committee to whom that decision was referred, were approved by the Grand Encampment.

In the appendix to the Proceedings of 1859, Grand Recorder Sir Samuel G. Risk prints the first report above referred to, with the following introductory note in brackets:

"[The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and extracts from the General Grand Master's letter book, submitted at the session in 1856, and referred to the next triennial session (1859), and ordered to be printed, but not being called up at that time, I have deemed prudent to append to the transactions of 1859, so it may meet with some action in 1862.—Grand Recorder.]"

It is evident that the Grand Recorder made a mistake. In 1862 no reference was made to it.

At the Grand Encampment held at Columbus, Ohio, September 5, 1865, Grand Master French, in his address, said :

"To the question, 'whether it is proper to place in the by-laws of a Commandery a requirement that an applicant for the orders should be a Royal and Select Master?' I replied thus: 'I am very sure that my Most Eminent predecessor, Sir W. B. Hubbard, decided that question in the negative, but I cannot find the decision. It has always been understood that the only test to which a candidate should be subjected is, that he is a Royal Arch Mason, and the certificate attached to the petition is always, so far as I have seen, that the applicant is a Royal Arch Mason (which is a requirement of our Grand Constitution). If we commenced making innovations, there is no telling where we shall stop. If the Royal and Select be required, we shall next have the A. & A. Rite, and so on.'

"My opinion is decided, that it would be an improper innovation in the by-laws of any Commandery to require that the candidate should be a Royal and Select Master.

"While upon this subject, it is proper that I should call the attention of this Grand Body to the fact, that long since I made the foregoing decision, the Grand Commandery of Connecticut so amended their by-laws as to require that every candidate within that jurisdiction should be a Royal and Select Master.

"Now, as there are hundreds of Royal Arch Masons who have been made Knights Templars, who have never received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, such a requirement by any Grand Commandery is equivalent to an edict debarring a certain class of Templars from visiting the Commanderies within its jurisdiction. * * * I hope this Grand Encampment will seriously consider whether it is not proper that some action should be taken in regard to this matter."

This portion of the address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, consisting of Sir Henry L. Palmer, of Wisconsin, Sir John W. Simons, of New York, Sir John Q. A. Fellows, of Louisiana, Sir Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, and Sir Kent Jarvis, of Ohio.

On the 6th of September the Committee reported, "That we have examined the several decisions of the M. E. Grand Master, as set forth in his address, and approve the same as therein set forth, except in the following instances." * * * The exceptions do not refer to the question of Royal and Select Masters.

The recommendations made by the Committee were approved, and the report was adopted by the Grand Encampment.

Thus it appears that two of my distinguished predecessors have expressed their own opinions in plain, unmistakable language upon this question; that they have made official decisions in regard to it twice, and that these decisions have been confirmed by the Grand Encampment in each instance.

I am happy to take this occasion to say that I fully agree with these decisions, and that I acquiesce in the reasons given therefor. If our Masonic system consisted of but five degrees, the three degrees of Blue Masonry, the Royal Arch, and the Order of the Temple, I believe that it would be more effectual and more generally satisfactory. I should much prefer to see the Order of the Temple

brought nearer to the fountain head of pure Masonry, than to have it separated further from it by the interposition of still more rubbish.

It is only necessary for me now to state, that the Grand Commandery of Illinois has no right "to adopt a regulation requiring the possession of the Council degrees, as a pre-requisite to the conferring of the orders of Knighthood."

With Knightly courtesy,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,

Grand Master.

On the 10th day of July, upon the recommendation of Beaumanoir Commandery, No. 9, I granted a dispensation to Sir Jonathan N. Pumpelly, as Eminent Commander; Sir John H. Toole, as Generalissimo, Sir Robert Green, and the requisite number of Sir Knights to form and open a Commandery at Mt. Pulaski, Logan county.

Of special dispensations, I have granted but few, which is a gratifying fact, as showing that the Commanderies are satisfied to work under our laws in all their requirements.

The matter of annual parade and review, was, by resolution, referred to the "first four grand officers, with power to act." Upon consultation, without discussing the various reasons for and against such parade and review, and the influence it might have on our order, it was thought best, inasmuch as the Grand Encampment would meet in Baltimore on the 19th of September, and many Sir Knights had expressed a wish to be present, that such parade and review be postponed.

There has been during the past year, some conflict in the matter of jurisdiction among subordinate Commanderies, and many inquiries have been made relative thereto. These are now, I believe, happily adjusted. The Grand Commandery has always held that distance alone governed all cases, and that a Companion must apply to that Commandery next his place of residence for the orders of Knighthood. At the third Annual Conclave, held in the city of Peoria, a resolution was adopted giving to Companions residing more than forty miles from any Commandery, the right to petition in any Commandery most convenient. This was to be in force for only one year, and was never re-enacted.

Another thing in this connection I wish to notice. Some subordinates have granted, and asked for, of their neighbors, concurrent jurisdiction over certain territory. I do not think this is wise. The members of a Commandery next a Companion's place of residence, are supposed to be best qualified to judge of the petitioner's merits, and they ought not to devolve this duty upon others. It is far better that each application for this privilege be made separately, and decided upon its own merits. This also gives to each Commandery the opportunity to know, as they should, what is done in their jurisdiction.

I notice that the Grand Encampment and several of the Grand Commanderies have a rule, that, during the election of officers, no visitors, or others than members, entitled to vote, are allowed to be present. I think the rule a good one,

and although no occasion has ever arisen for such a rule among us, yet it might be well to thus guard the future.

At the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment, held in Baltimore on the 19th of September, this Grand Commandery was represented by your Grand Commander and Sir Knights holding the proxies of the next three officers.

Availing themselves of the generous invitation given by the Grand Commandery of Maryland, three of our subordinates visited Baltimore as distinct organizations, and many other Sir Knights, uniting with them, representing nearly all our Commanderies, received the kindness and care of our brethren there. To one, the eldest of us all, was assigned the high honor of escort to the M. E. Grand Master, which duty they faithfully performed, and received from him a complimentary order to that effect.

Long shall we remember the generous hospitality lavished upon us while we remained their guests, and the grand display we there witnessed may in all probability never again be seen by us. We are debtors, and shall long be, to our brethren in Maryland for practical lessons in hospitality; to them be all praise.

After receiving so much, and enjoying so much, I may seem like a "bird of ill omen," if I say aught to disparage such immense gatherings in the future. Still, I think, the conviction was forced upon many minds, that, assembled as a deliberative body, claiming supreme control over the order of Knights Templar in the United States, too much of the time allotted for our necessary business was occupied in exchange of greetings, and in receiving personal attentions, which, however pleasing, were not the real business of the time. The tendency is, at such times, to hurry, or postpone, what should really be the first duty. The dignity of the Grand Encampment is likely to be compromised and its usefulness impaired. Matters which should be fairly and fully discussed, are left to the several Grand Commanderies, and thus, little by little, the Grand Encampment is yielding its power to its subordinates, and following in the footsteps of another general grand body. If this be so, it needs no prophet's eye to discern the future. With loss of power will come loss of respect, and then the end will not be distant. Let the Grand Encampment, in future, claim all its rights and prerogatives, as the supreme head of the Order—never allowing any legislation by subordinates that may make confusion either in ritual, costume, tactics or jurisprudence, and we shall then be able to carry out its instructions and respect its decisions, and our Order will, indeed, be uniform and united.

Several subjects of legislation were introduced and acted upon by the Grand Encampment, that will need your attention; but as no official notice has been had, and the printed Proceedings are not yet published, there is no need for me to refer to them, or for you to take any action at this Conclave.

The next meeting of the Grand Encampment will be held in the city of New Orleans, on the first Tuesday in December, A. D. 1874. There will be ample time before that to dispose of any business that may be necessary to transact.

I had intended, during the past year, to visit as many of our subordinates as my time would allow, but the season allotted for that work was engrossed by sickness and death in my own family, and I could find no other time to devote to

the pleasant duty. I know of nothing more calculated to promote efficiency in our work, than an occasional visit to inspect the manner of work, the furniture and equipments, and records, and see that everything is done decently and in order.

And now, Sir Knights, having discharged my duty, and thanking you all for the kind co-operation I have received, at all times, at your hands, I leave the business with you, confident in your ability to wisely provide for the good of our Order.

JOHN M. PEARSON,
Grand Commander.

October 24, 1871.

The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander presented his annual report, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

REPORT OF V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois :

The undersigned would most respectfully report, that he has been called upon to perform but few official acts, and that during the late great fire in the City of Chicago, all memorandums containing the dates of said official acts were destroyed.

Soon after the close of our last Annual Conclave, assisted by Eminent Sir Knights residing here, I constituted St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, under their charter, and installed their officers.

On the 19th of August, by special invitation of E. B. Myers, Eminent Commander of Apollo Commandery No. 1, I was present to participate with the Commandery in their annual picnic and review, and bear witness that the Sir Knights, with their families, enjoyed the same as Sir Knights are wont to enjoy such occasions.

During the afternoon, assisted by Eminent Sir T. T. Gurney, as Grand Generalissimo, and Eminent Sir B. F. Patrick as Grand Captain General, the Commandery was placed in line for inspection, and I am happy to report that I found the Commandery proficient in their drill.

During the temporary absence of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, just previous to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, I issued my special dispensation to Eminent Sir A. A. Murray, Commander of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, at Decatur, to receive and act upon petitions and confer the orders on several worthy companions in less time than that provided in their by-laws.

On the 19th of September, upon the unanimous recommendation of Freeport Commandery No. 7, I issued my dispensation to Sir John Carson Smith, and a constitutional number of Sir Knights, to open and hold a Commandery of

Knights Templar at Galena, in the County of Jo. Daviess, which dispensation was made returnable to this Annual Conclave, and if regular, I recommend them to this Grand Annual Conclave for a charter. The fees therefor are in the hands of the Grand Recorder.

Courteously submitted,

WILEY M. EGAN,
Deputy Grand Commander.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Illinois:

The Committee on Credentials courteously beg leave to report, that the following Grand Officers and Representatives are entitled to seats in this Grand Conclave, viz.:

GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir John M. Pearson	Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir Daniel Dustin	Grand Generalissimo.
“ James A. Hawley	Grand Captain General.
“ Harman G. Reynolds	(as) Grand Prelate.
“ Hiram W. Hubbard	Grand Senior Warden.
“ Theodore T. Gurney	Grand Junior Warden.
“ Robert H. Foss	Grand Treasurer.
“ James H. Miles	Grand Recorder.
“ Louis H. Jorgensen	Grand Standard Bearer.
“ Asa W. Blakesley	Grand Sword Bearer.
“ John F. Nash	Grand Warder.
“ Lockwood K. Osborn	Grand Capt'n of the Guards.
“ Charles H. Brower	Inspector General.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut	P. G. Commander.
R. E. Sir Henry C. Ranney	P. G. Commander.
V. E. Sir Perry A. Armstrong	P. D. G. Commander.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES.

R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, for Ohio, Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia, and New Hampshire.
E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds, for New York, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana.
E. Sir James H. Miles, for Vermont.
E. Sir Charles W. Morse, for Maine.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Theodore T. Gurney.....	Apollo, No. 1.
" Charles H. Brower.....	Apollo, No. 1.
" Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	Apollo, No. 1.
" Robert B. Smith.....	Belvidere, No. 2.
" John M. Pearson.....	Belvidere, No. 2.
" Hollis M. Hale.....	Galesburg, No. 8.
" Asa W. Blakesley.....	Beauseant, No. 11.
" Levi R. Jerome.....	Temple, No. 20.
" Wiley M. Egan.....	Chicago, No. 19.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Apollo, No. 1.—Eugene B. Myers, Commander; Frank H. Nichols, Generalissimo; Robert C. Garrabrant, Captain General.

Belvidere, No. 2.—George D. Hayden, Commander; Robert B. Smith, proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Peoria, No. 3.—Wm. Rounseville, Commander; Louis Furst, Generalissimo.

Joliet, No. 4.—Samuel C. Stearns, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo; Samuel S. White, Captain General.

Blaney, No. 5.—Perry A. Armstrong, Commander, and proxy for Captain General; Miles Gordon, Generalissimo.

Elwood, No. 6.—Robert L. McGuire, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo; Orlin H. Miner, proxy for Captain General.

Freeport, No. 7.—Edward L. Cronkrite, Commander.

Galesburg, No. 8.—William W. Patch, Commander.

Beaumont, No. 9.—Augustus A. Murray, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Ottawa, No. 10.—John F. Nash, Commander.

Beauseant, No. 11.—Joseph Robbins, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo; Henry N. E. Cotiers, proxy for Captain General.

Waukegan, No. 12.—Daniel Brewster, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Cairo, No. 13.—Claiborne Winston, proxy for Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General.

Gorin, No. 14.—Not represented.

Sycamore, No. 15.—Silas O. Vaughn, Commander.

Urbana, No. 16.—Francis G. Jaques, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo.

Crusader, No. 17.—John R. Porter, Commander.

Everts, No. 18.—Not represented.

Chicago, No. 19.—Charles McFarland, Commander; Arthur R. Atkins, Generalissimo; William H. Woodbury, Captain General.

Temple, No. 20.—Levi R. Jerome, proxy for Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General.

Dixon, No. 21.—William A. Levanway, proxy for Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General.

Aurora, No. 22.—Abner R. Bartlett, Commander; M. S. Barnes, proxy for Captain General.

Cyrene, No. 23.—William S. Pease, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

De Molay, No. 24.—Samuel W. Waddle, Commander; John L. White, Captain General.

Calvary, No. 25.—Edwin E. Thomas, Commander.

St. John, No. 26.—Robert C. Hattenhauer, Commander.

Palestine, No. 27.—Robert L. McKinlay, Commander; Silas W. Calvin, proxy for Captain General.

Bethany, No. 28.—George Emerson, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Hugh De Payens, No. 29.—Jerome B. Nulton, Commander.

St. Omer, No. 30.—George M. Raymond, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Hospitaler, No. 31.—Charles M. Morse, Commander; Calvin W. McLean, Generalissimo.

Almoner, No. 32.—Henry G. Dearborn, Commander; Jonathan D. French, proxy for Generalissimo; Sylvester Stevens, proxy for Captain General.

Ivanhoe, No. 33.—Thomas P. Bonfield, Commander; Haswell C. Clarke, Captain General.

St. Paul, No. 34.—Benjamin E. Robinson, Commander; Henry Remington, proxy for Captain General.

St. Bernard, No. 35.—Edward N. Edwards, Commander; Frank A. Hayden, Generalissimo; Louis Schaffner, Captain General.

Bethel, No. 36.—Not represented.

Melita, No. 37.—John Ervin, Generalissimo.

Mt. Olivet, No. 38.—Solomon J. Toy, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

All of which is courteously submitted.

ROBERT B. SMITH,	} Committee.
EUGENE B. MYERS,	
SYLVESTER STEVENS,	

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary presented their annual accounts, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer*,

In account with the GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

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1870.		
Oct. 25.	To cash balance on hand.....	\$3,480 86
1871.		
Oct. 24.	To cash received of Grand Recorder.....	2,550 00
		<hr/> \$6,030 86

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1870.		
Oct. 25.	By paid Mileage and Per Diem (see Proceedings)..	\$904 20
"	" J. H. Miles, Grand Recorder.....	500 00
"	" J. H. Miles, (bill items).....	555 76
"	" L. K. Osborn, Grand Captain Guards....	20 00
"	" Nowlin & McElwain, (jewel).....	120 00
"	" C. E. Munger, Grand Com., expenses....	45 53
Nov. 18.	" C. H. Brower & Co., (Grand Com. seal)..	11 00
Dec. 8.	" C. H. Brower.....	90 00
1871.		
Feb. 6.	" C. H. Brower.....	240 00
Apr. 17.	" C. H. Brower.....	150 00
"	" Horton & Leonard, (printing).....	529 90
May 15.	" C. H. Brower.....	180 00
Oct. 24.	" balance cash on hand.....	2,684 47
		<hr/> \$6,030 86
Oct. 24.	To balance cash on hand.....	\$2,684 47

All of which is courteously submitted.

ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer*.

The E. Grand Recorder presented his annual report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Grand Recorder would most courteously beg leave to report, that one thousand copies of the Proceedings of your last Annual Conclave were printed, and the usual number of copies distributed.

The Proceedings of other State Grand Commanderies received in exchange, will be noticed by the Committee on Correspondence.

The following orders have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Conclave, viz.:

To C. H. Brower & Co., (press and seal for Grand Commandery).....	\$11 00
C. H. Brower.....	90 00
C. H. Brower.....	240 00
C. H. Brower.....	150 00
Horton & Leonard, (printing and electrotyping).....	529 90
C. H. Brower.....	180 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$1,200 90

I have expended during the past year, as per my account herewith appended, the sum of \$221.38.

On the 8th day of the present month, the business portion, together with the northern division of the city of Chicago, was laid in ruins by a devastating fire. The Masonic Temple, where for fourteen years this Grand Commandery has been accustomed to meet, shared the common fate. In this building was stored most of the printed matter of this Grand Commandery, which was also consumed by the devouring flame. What remains to us is the reprint of 1857, '58, '59 and '60, and the printed Proceedings of 1870. The written records and the register of this Grand Body were preserved. I would advise that any Sir Knight who may have duplicates of the Proceedings from 1860 to 1870, be earnestly requested to forward the same to the Grand Recorder, that he may be able to meet the demand made upon him by other jurisdictions, for full sets of the Proceedings.

The returns of your several subordinates have been carefully examined, and I herewith present the following table of statistics:

SUBORDINATES.	MEMBERS—1870.	MEMBERS—1871.	CREATED.	ADMITTED.	PREVIOUSLY ADMITTED.	REINSTATED.	DEMITTED.	SUSPENDED.	EXPELLED.	DECEASED.	RECEIPTS.
Apollo, No. 1.....	336	338	24	I	-----	-----	10	6	-----	7	†-----
Belvidere, No. 2.....	42	43	4	-----	-----	-----	3	-----	-----	-----	\$47 00
Peoria, No. 3.....	72	69	6	I	-----	-----	9	I	-----	-----	75 00
Joliet, No. 4.....	105	112	16	I	-----	-----	4	3	-----	3	128 00
Blaney, No. 5.....	11	26	15	I	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	41 00
Elwood, No. 6.....	108	106	8	-----	-----	-----	5	3	-----	2	*-----
Freeport, No. 7.....	75	78	8	-----	-----	I	4	-----	-----	2	86 00
Galesburg, No. 8.....	49	49	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	51 00
Beaumont, No. 9.....	50	60	20	I	-----	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	89 00
Ottawa, No. 10.....	60	68	10	2	-----	-----	I	-----	I	-----	78 00
Beauseant, No. 11.....	90	97	7	I	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	I	104 00
Waukegan, No. 12.....	44	44	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	47 00
Cairo, No. 13.....	36	40	12	I	-----	-----	I	6	-----	2	52 00
Gorin, No. 14.....	47	51	5	-----	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	-----	48 00
Sycamore, No. 15.....	100	84	8	-----	-----	-----	22	-----	-----	2	93 00
Urbana, No. 16.....	48	52	5	-----	-----	-----	2	I	-----	-----	57 00
Crusader, No. 17.....	65	66	6	-----	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	2	72 00
Everts, No. 18.....	29	36	6	I	-----	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	*-----
Chicago, No. 19.....	154	181	38	2	-----	-----	12	-----	-----	I	219 00
Temple, No. 20.....	33	40	8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	I	48 00
Dixon, No. 21.....	60	63	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	66 00
Aurora, No. 22.....	84	100	16	2	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	I	116 00
Cyrene, No. 23.....	30	34	6	-----	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	I	40 00
DeMolay, No. 24.....	91	84	I	I	-----	-----	9	-----	-----	-----	85 00
Calvary, No. 25.....	56	60	5	-----	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	-----	65 00
St. John, No. 26.....	22	22	I	-----	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	-----	23 00
Palestine, No. 27.....	37	45	10	-----	-----	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	55 00
Bethany, No. 28.....	23	30	10	I	-----	-----	4	-----	-----	-----	40 00
Hugh DePayens, 29.....	25	38	13	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	51 00
St. Omer, No. 30.....	22	37	14	I	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	51 00
Hospitaler, No. 31.....	70	91	21	I	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	-----	112 00
Almoner, No. 32.....	41	64	22	I	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	86 00
Ivanhoe, No. 33.....	25	35	11	I	-----	-----	I	-----	-----	I	46 00
St. Paul, No. 34.....	10	24	3	I	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	*-----
St. Bernard, No. 35.....	28	60	32	I	II	-----	-----	-----	I	-----	†-----
Bethel, No. 36.....	12	37	5	-----	20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	42 00
Melita, No. 37.....	3	24	12	-----	9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	36 00
Mt. Olivet, No. 38.....	3	22	8	-----	11	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	30 00
Mt. Pulaski, U. D.....	-----	5	5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10 00
Dispensation fee.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	90 00
Galena, U. D.....	-----	6	6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	*-----
Dispensation fee.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	90 00
1870.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Gorin, No. 14.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	48 00
Temple, No. 20.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	33 00
Totals.....	2,196	2,530	415	22	51	I	101	20	2	32	\$2,550 00

* Paid since. † Remitted.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	2196
Gain—Created	415
Admitted	73
Reinstated	1
	<hr/> 2685
Loss—Dimitted	101
Suspended	20
Expelled	2
Deceased	32
	<hr/> 155
Members, 1871	2530
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Increase	334

\$2,550.00.

CHICAGO, October 24, 1871.

Received from James H. Miles, Grand Recorder, twenty-five hundred and fifty dollars for dues, for Annual Conclave, 1871.

ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer.*

All of which is courteously submitted.

JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Recorder.*

E. Sir Charles M. Morse presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Maine, near the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and was received and accredited as said representative.

R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut stated that he had received a patent from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, as their Representative near the Grand Commandery of Illinois, but that said patent was destroyed in the great conflagration of October 8th and 9th; when, on motion, he was received and accredited as said Representative; and on motion of E. Sir T. T. Gurney, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to correspond with the Grand Recorder of New Hampshire in regard to the destruction of said patent, and request a duplicate.

E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, and was received and accredited as said Representative.

The Grand Commandery was then called off until 2 o'clock P. M.

OCTOBER 24th, 2 o'clock P. M.

The R. E. Grand Commandery was called to labor. Officers and Representatives present, as in the morning.

E. Sir Joseph Robbins offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed charged with the duty of giving suitable expression of the acknowledgment of this Grand Body to the several Grand and Subordinate Commanderies and Sir Knights who have so generously contributed to the relief of our brethren in this city.

The R. E. Grand Commander was pleased to appoint E. Sirs Joseph Robbins, James A. Hawley, and Francis G. Jaques, as said Committee.

Subsequently the Committee made the following report, which was approved by the R. E. Grand Commander :

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois:

Your Committee, charged with the duty of expressing the acknowledgments of this Grand Body to the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies and Sir Knights contributing to the relief of Knights Templar who suffered by the Great Fire of October 8th and 9th, find themselves (at this early day, while contributions are still coming in,) without the data to make, prior to the publication of our Proceedings, such a report as your Order contemplates.

We therefore ask your indulgence for the non-performance of this duty, confident of your concurrence in the opinion, that it had better not be attempted until the next Annual Conclave, when the Grand Commandery will be prepared to make such specific and complete acknowledgment as will better satisfy our deep sense of obligation to our generous benefactors.

All of which is courteously submitted.

JOSEPH ROBBINS,
JAMES A. HAWLEY, } *Committee.*
FRANCIS G. JAQUES, }

E. Sir Abner R. Bartlett presented a certified copy of the amended By-laws of Aurora Commandery, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

E. Sir Samuel C. Stearns offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, viz. :

Resolved, That resolutions in force, Nos. 3 and 5, adopted in 1858, be and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion of the Grand Recorder, it was

Resolved, That the dues of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, be remitted, they having lost all their effects in the late conflagration.

On motion of V. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan, it was

Resolved, That Charters be issued to said Apollo and St. Bernard Commanderies, free of charge.

E. Sir Joseph Robbins offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That resolution in force, No. 18, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolution No. 18 is as follows :

Resolved, That all Representatives of Foreign Grand Bodies appointed, or hereafter appointed, take rank in this Grand Commandery as Grand Captains General.

On motion of E. Sir Charles M. Morse, the R. E. Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as tellers, E. Sirs Eugene B. Myers, John F. Nash, Charles M. Morse, and Claiborne Winston.

The ballots having been taken, sorted, and tallied, the following named Sir Knights were declared to be elected to the offices set opposite their respective names :

R. E. Sir WILEY M. EGAN, of Chicago.....Grand Commander.
 V. E. Sir DANIEL DUSTIN, of SycamoreDeputy Grand Commander.
 E. Sir JAMES A HAWLEY, of Dixon.....Grand Generalissimo.
 " HIRAM W. HUBBARD, of Centralia..Grand Captain General.
 " CHARLES A. GILBERT, of Joliet...Grand Prelate.
 " THEODORE T. GURNEY, of Chicago Grand Senior Warden.
 " LOUIS H. JORGENSEN, of Cairo ...Grand Junior Warden.
 " ROBERT H. FOSS, of ChicagoGrand Treasurer.
 " JAMES H. MILES, of Chicago.....Grand Recorder.
 " ASA W. BLAKESLEY, of Quincy....Grand Standard Bearer.
 " JOHN F. NASH, of Ottawa.....Grand Sword Bearer.
 " CHARLES H. BROWER, of Chicago..Grand Warden.
 " LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN, of Chicago..Grand Capt'n of the Guards.

E. Sir Joseph Robbins presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That, in Patents issued to Representatives of this Grand Commandery, near the Grand East of other Grand Commanderies, the R. E. Grand Commander is hereby authorized to name the rank of Past Grand Generalissimo, as that under which such Representative shall be received and recognized.

E. Sir Wm. Rounseville, from the Committee on the doings of the Grand Officers, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the recommendations adopted :

REPORT ON THE DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois:

Your Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, and the report of the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, would respectfully report :

That the sympathy expressed for the sufferers by the late terrible fire, is fully shared by this Grand Body, and the facts which the R. E. Grand Commander has so eloquently set forth, should be productive of generous and fraternal action.

That the R. E. Grand Commander is deserving of high praise for his promptness and success in procuring a decision on the question of the right of a Grand Commandery to make the degrees of Royal and Select Masters a pre-requisite to the reception of Orders of Knighthood.

That credit is due the R. E. Grand Commander for issuing so small a number of special dispensations.

That the Grand Officers acted wisely in postponing the proposed public drill, and that no further action on the subject is necessary at present.

That the question of jurisdiction, is so clearly settled by our statutes and regulations, that no further legislation is necessary.

That the Committee join in the congratulation by the R. E. Grand Commander, that a Commandery of our jurisdiction was given the high honor to be appointed as escort to the Grand Encampment at its late Conclave.

That so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander as relates to new Commanderies, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to the presence of visitors at elections, be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to official visits, be referred to the same Committee.

That the action of the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, in the absence of the R. E. Grand Commander, is hereby approved.

All of which is courteously submitted.

WILLIAM ROUNSEVILLE,
HENRY G. DEARBORN,
ARTHUR R. ATKINS, } Committee.

E. Sir George M. Raymond, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report that they know of no unfinished business requiring the attention of this Grand Commandery, and would therefore ask to be discharged from further duties.

GEORGE M. RAYMOND, }
PERRY A. ARMSTRONG, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM S. PEASE, }

E. Sir Hiram W. Hubbard, from the Committee on Grievance, made a verbal report, that nothing had been presented the Committee requiring the attention of the Grand Commandery, and therefore asked to be discharged from further duty.

E. Sir F. G. Jaques, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted, after amendment, as follows:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the records of Mt. Pulaski Commandery, U. D., located at Mt. Pulaski, Logan county.

We find the by-laws, submitted by the same Commandery, to be in conformity with the statutes and regulations; that the records are kept in a proper manner, and the report rendered by them, correct. We therefore recommend that a charter be granted to them as Mt. Pulaski Commandery, No. 39, to be held at Mt. Pulaski, Logan county.

The Committee would further report that the records and papers of Galena Commandery, U. D., have not been returned to this Grand Commandery. We would therefore recommend that the dispensation granted them be continued until the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

All of which is courteously submitted.

SILAS O. VAUGHN, }
CLAIBORNE WINSTON, } *Committee.*
FRANCIS G. JAKES, }

On motion of E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds, it was voted that the matter of Galena Commandery, U. D., be referred to the R. E. Grand Commander, elect, with power to act.

The R. E. Grand Commandery then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sir Joseph Robbins Grand Marshal, and the Grand Officers elect were then installed, in ample form, by R. E. Sir John M. Pearson, and were proclaimed as follows, with the exception of the Rev. and E. Grand Prelate, who was not present :

- R. E. Sir WILEY M. EGAN, of ChicagoGrand Commander.
- V. E. Sir DANIEL DUSTIN, of Sycamore.....Deputy Grand Commander.
- E. Sir JAMES A. HAWLEY, of Dixon.....Grand Generalissimo.
- “ HIRAM W. HUBBARD, of Centralia.....Grand Captain General.
- “ THEODORE T. GURNEY, of Chicago.....Grand Senior Warden.
- “ LOUIS H. JORGENSEN, of Cairo.....Grand Junior Warden.
- “ ROBERT H. FOSS, of Chicago.....Grand Treasurer.
- “ JAMES H. MILES, of Chicago.....Grand Recorder.
- “ ASA W. BLAKESLEY, of Quincy.....Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ JOHN F. NASH, of Ottawa.....Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ CHARLES H. BROWER, of Chicago.....Grand Warder.
- “ LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN, of Chicago.....Grand Capt'n of the Guards.

The Grand Commandery was then called off until 7½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING CONCLAVE.

TUESDAY, *October 24th*, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The R. E. Grand Commandery was called to labor; R. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan, Grand Commander, presiding. Officers and Representatives present as in the afternoon.

E. Sir William A. Levanway, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, courteously and respectfully report that they have examined, and find the same correct.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows that he has received, as dues and Dispensation fees, the sum of \$2,550.00, which he has paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per receipt herewith.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand at last Grand Conclave of.....		\$3,480.86
Amount since received from the Grand Recorder		2,550.00
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		\$6,030.86
That he has paid out as per vouchers accompanying his report.....		3,346.39
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Leaving in his hands the sum of.....		\$2,684.47

Your Committee recommend that an order be issued to Sir Knight James H. Miles, Grand Recorder, for stationery, postage, etc., as per bill rendered, \$221.38 ; and for services as Grand Recorder during the past year, \$500.

That an order issue to Sir Knight L. K. Osborn, for services as Grand Captain of the Guards, \$20.

That an order issue in favor of R. E. Sir John M. Pearson, for expenses incurred as Grand Commander, \$25.

That an order be drawn in favor of Sir Knight J. J. French, for services as organist at the opening of this Grand Conclave, \$10.

That orders be issued for \$50 each to Sir Knights John M. Pearson, E. B. Myers, J. V. LeMoine and H. W. Hubbard, for expenses incurred as Representatives of this Grand Commandery at the Grand Encampment U. S. at Baltimore, in September last.

That the Grand Recorder be authorized to obtain a Past Grand Commander's jewel for Past Grand Commander Pearson, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for the cost thereof, not exceeding \$60.

Your Committee recommend that members of regular Committees in attendance at this Grand Commandery, not paid as Representatives or Grand Officers, be allowed the same mileage and per diem as in the case of Representatives.

Your Committee further recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to obtain the printing of one thousand copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Conclave, and to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the cost of the same.

All of which is courteously submitted.

WM. A. LEVANWAY,	} Committee.
O. H. MINER,	
A. W. BLAKESLEY,	

E. Sir C. W. McLain, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report, that the Grand Officers and Representatives are entitled to Mileage and Per Diem as follows :

OFFICERS.	OFFICES.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
John M. Pearson.....	Grand Commander.....	257	\$25 70	\$2 00	\$27 70
Wiley M. Egan.....	Dep. Grand Commander.....			2 00	2 00
Daniel Dustin.....	Grand Generalissimo.....	56	5 60	2 00	7 60
James A. Hawley.....	" Capt. General.....	98	9 80	2 00	11 80
Harman G. Reynolds.....	" Prelate.....	185	18 50	2 00	20 50
Hiram W. Hubbard.....	" Senior Warden.....	253	25 30	2 00	27 30
T. T. Gurney.....	" Junior Warden.....			2 00	2 00
Robert H. Foss.....	" Treasurer.....			2 00	2 00
Louis H. Jorgensen.....	" Standard Bearer.....	365	36 50	2 00	38 50
A. W. Blakesley.....	" Sword Bearer.....	263	26 30	2 00	28 30
John F. Nash.....	" Warder.....	84	8 40	2 00	10 40
REPRESENTATIVES.		COMMANDERY.			
E. B. Myers.....	Apollo, No. 1.....			2 00	2 00
Geo. D. Hayden.....	Belvidere, No. 2.....	257	25 70	2 00	27 70
Wm. Rounseville.....	Peoria, No. 3.....	151	15 10	2 00	17 10
S. C. Stearns.....	Joliet, No. 4.....	37	3 70	2 00	5 70
P. A. Armstrong.....	Blaney, No. 5.....	61	6 10	2 00	8 10
R. L. McGuire.....	Elwood, No. 6.....	185	18 50	2 00	20 50
E. L. Cronkrite.....	Freeport, No. 7.....	121	12 10	2 00	14 10
Wm. W. Patch.....	Galesburg, No. 8.....	163	16 30	2 00	18 30
A. A. Murray.....	Beaumanoir No. 9.....	175	17 50	2 00	19 50
Joseph Robbins.....	Beauseant, No. 11.....	263	26 30	2 00	28 30
Daniel Brewster.....	Waukegan, No. 12.....	36	3 60	2 00	5 60
Claiborne Winston.....	Cairo, No. 13.....	365	36 50	2 00	38 50
S. O. Vaughn.....	Sycamore, No. 15.....	56	5 60	2 00	7 60
F. G. Jaques.....	Urbana, No. 16.....	128	12 80	2 00	14 80
Jno. R. Porter.....	Crusader, No. 17.....	93	9 30	2 00	11 30
Chas. McFarland.....	Chicago, No. 19.....			2 00	2 00
L. R. Jerome.....	Temple, No. 20.....	105	10 50	2 00	12 50
W. A. Levanway.....	Dixon, No. 21.....	98	9 80	2 00	11 80
A. R. Bartlett.....	Aurora, No. 22.....	38	3 80	2 00	5 80
W. S. Pease.....	Cyrene, No. 23.....	253	25 30	2 00	27 30
S. W. Waddle.....	DeMolay, No. 24.....	126	12 60	2 00	14 60
E. E. Thomas.....	Calvary, No. 25.....	51	5 10	2 00	7 10
R. C. Hattenhauer.....	St. John, No. 26.....	100	10 00	2 00	12 00
R. L. McKinlay.....	Palestine, No. 27.....	210	21 00	2 00	23 00
Geo. Emerson.....	Bethany, No. 28.....	84	8 40	2 00	10 40
J. B. Nulton.....	Hugh DePayens, No. 29.....	249	24 90	2 00	26 90
Geo. M. Raymond.....	St. Omer, No. 30.....	251	25 10	2 00	27 10
Chas. M. Morse.....	Hospitaler, No. 31.....	215	21 50	2 00	23 50
H. G. Dearborn.....	Almoner, No. 32.....	227	22 70	2 00	24 70
Thos. P. Bonfield.....	Ivanhoe, No. 33.....	56	5 60	2 00	7 60
B. E. Robinson.....	St. Paul, No. 34.....	108	10 80	2 00	12 80
E. N. Edwards.....	St. Bernard, No. 35.....			2 00	2 00
John Erin.....	Melita, No. 37.....	150	15 00	2 00	17 00
Sol. J. Toy.....	Mt. Olivet, No. 38.....	103	10 30	2 00	12 30
COMMITTEE.					
Robt. B. Smith.....	Credentials.....	257	25 70	2 00	27 70
Sylvester Stevens.....	".....	168	16 80	2 00	18 80
S. S. White.....	Visitors.....	37	3 70	2 00	5 70
A. R. Atkins.....	Grand Officers.....			2 00	2 00
O. H. Miner.....	Finance and Accounts.....	185	18 50	2 00	20 50
C. H. Brower.....	Grievances.....			2 00	2 00
C. W. McLain.....	Mileage and Per diem.....	215	21 50	2 00	23 50
V. L. Hurlbut.....	Jurisprudence.....			2 00	2 00
Totals.....			\$693 80	\$106 00	\$799 80

All of which is courteously submitted.

C. W. McLAIN,
L. R. JEROME,
E. N. EDWARDS, } Committee.

E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds offered the following resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That one thousand dollars be placed in the hands of the Grand Commander, to be used as a relief fund for the benefit of Sir Knights made penniless by the late fire in this city.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be donated to Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and the sum of five hundred dollars to St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, to assist them in providing and fitting up new homes.

E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds offered the following resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to R. E. Sir John M. Pearson, Past Grand Commander, for his able and successful administration of Templar affairs during the past year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, for the use of this hall at this Grand Conclave.

E. Sir James H. Miles, from the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, made a verbal report, that the Committee had not yet completed their report, and asked further time, which was, on motion, granted, and the report when completed, ordered to be printed with the Proceedings :

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Masonic Correspondence, courteously beg leave to report, that they have received, and examined as carefully as time would allow, the Proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies:

GRAND COMMANDERIES IN CORRESPONDENCE.

STATE.	YEAR.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
1. Alabama	1870	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
2. California	1871	Charles L. Wiggin	San Francisco.
3. Connecticut	1871	John W. Stedman	Norwich.
4. Georgia	1871	Charles R. Armstrong	Macon.
5. Indiana	1871	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
6. Iowa	1870	William B. Langridge	Muscatine.
7. Kansas	1870	Erasmus T. Carr	Leavenworth.
8. Kentucky	1871	William C. Munger	Franklin.
9. Louisiana	1871	Gustavus Sontag	New Orleans.
10. Maine	1871	Ira Berry	Portland.
11. Maryland	1871	Frank J. Kugler	Baltimore.
12. Mass. & Rhode Island	1870	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
13. Michigan	1871	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
14. Minnesota	1870	George A. Savory	Minneapolis.
15. Mississippi	1871	J. L. Power	Jackson.
16. Missouri	1870	George Frank Gouley	St. Louis.
17. New Hampshire	1870	John A. Harris	Concord.
18. New Jersey	1871	Thomas J. Corson	Trenton.
19. New York	1870	Robert Macoy	New York.
20. Ohio	1870	James Nesbit	Troy.
21. Pennsylvania	1871	Alfred Creigh	Washington.
22. Tennessee	1871	John Frizzell	Nashville.
23. Texas	1871	Robert Brewster	Houston.
24. Vermont	1871	W. H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington.
25. Virginia	1870	John Dove	Richmond.
26. Wisconsin	1871	William T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

We have also the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Conclave and Grand Priory for the Dominion of Canada, from its organization, A. D. 1855, to 1871. V. E. Frater Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, Ontario, Grand Chancellor.

ALABAMA.

The eleventh annual Conclave was held at Mobile, December 12, 1870, having been postponed in consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever at the stated time of assembling in November. R. E. Sir Peleg Brown, Grand Commander, presiding. Seven Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander notices, in eloquent terms, in his address, the death of their late Grand Recorder, Sir Edmund M. Hastings, of whom he says :

" Thus, Sir Knights, are we called to mourn another of our best, brightest, and most shining lights—one to whom, for the prosperity of our Grand Body, we are indebted more, perhaps, than to any other member ; on him the burthen and almost the entire labor devolved, and truly and faithfully did he perform the task—being first on duty at our formation—enduring even to the end—sparing no labor or effort to advance the interest of our noble Order. But his merits are too well known to you all to require any eulogy from me. A sincere Christian, a devoted husband, a kind and loving father, a zealous Mason, an accomplished, valiant, and magnanimous Sir Knight, has gone to his reward."

He also gives a summary of his several official acts, urges more attention to the Ritual and Drill, discountenances the waiving of ceremonies in opening and closing, recommends uniformity in the equipment of the several subordinates, encourages the Grand Representative system, reports that harmony and true Knightly courtesy appear to reign supreme throughout the jurisdiction, and thus closes his official relation with the Grand Body :

" In severing my official relations with you, it brings to mind feelings I cannot find words to express. Age, too, admonishes that it may not be long before our separation must be final ; and in taking my leave, let me admonish that each one and all of us should keep constantly in view the solemn vows as Christian Knights we have taken upon ourselves, and endeavor to "let our lights so shine" that our acts may prove worthy of imitation, ever bearing in remembrance that profanity, intemperance, and the numerous vices which constantly surround and beset us, should never disgrace the character of a Knight Templar ; keeping constantly in view that *our banner* under which we have enlisted is the *Banner of the Cross*, and which will always remind us that principles professed and not practiced make us guilty of the sin of hypocrisy.

" In conclusion, Sir Knights, by the provisions of our Statutes my official relations as your Commander must now be severed, and in the regular course of all human events, it is not probable that I can long be with you ; but whither I may go, or wherever my lot may be cast, the pleasing reminiscences of our many pleasant and social greetings will be ever fresh in memory, while life shall last."

The work of the Order exemplified by Mobile Commandery, No. 2, and the following resolution adopted :

" *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the Eminent Commander or other presiding officer, as the case may be, of each of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction, should in no event omit any part of the Ritual and Drill in the opening and closing ceremonies of their respective Commanderies, except in emergencies, to be determined by such Eminent Commander or presiding officer."

No report on Correspondence, in consequence of the indisposition of the chairman of the Committee.

The time of the annual Conclave changed to the first Monday in February (1872).

R. E. Sir Abram J. Walker, of Montgomery, was elected Grand Commander;
E. Sir Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 9 subordinates; 235 members; 18 created.

CALIFORNIA.

The thirteenth annual Conclave was held at San Francisco, April 14th, 1871.
R. E. Sir Charles Louis Wiggin, Grand Commander, presiding. Nine Chartered and one Commandery under dispensation represented.

From the address of the Grand Commander, which is principally local, we learn that although no marked accession has been made in their numbers, yet perfect harmony and prosperity prevail within the jurisdiction. A case of the infringement of the jurisdiction is presented in conferring the Order upon a resident of the jurisdiction, by Sullivan Commandery, No. 3, New Hampshire, without having first obtained the consent of the Commandery under whose jurisdiction the applicant resides. Reparation having been offered by the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, the Grand Commander says:

"In my judgment, the only reparation that can possibly be made in such a case suggests itself. It is not California Commandery alone which has a right to feel aggrieved in this matter, but the Grand Commandery as well, whose jurisdiction has been invaded; and if it can be shown that Comp. Chamberlain, by a willful misrepresentation of facts, has induced Sullivan Commandery to trespass upon our rights, the duty of that Commandery is obvious, and, should it neglect or refuse to perform that duty, the Grand Commandery to which it is subordinate should see that justice is done."

The Grand Commander also suggests that action be taken to insure uniformity in work and drill, and suggests that a committee be appointed to obtain the work and drill authorized by the Grand Encampment, and that, having obtained the same, some qualified Sir Knights be appointed to instruct the several Subordinates.

Sir Lawrence C. Owen presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-four Grand Commanderies, quoting largely from our Proceedings of 1869.

He says ill health and a multiplicity of other duties combined, prevented the preparation of the reports for the past two years, which may account for the non-receipt of the Proceedings by us.

A Charter was issued to San Jose Commandery, as No. 10.

R. E. Sir Frederick Ferdinand Barss, of Placerville, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Charles Louis Wiggin, of San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 10 subordinates; 490 members; 47 created.

CANADA.

We are in receipt of the Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Conclave and Grand Priory of Canada, from its organization in 1855, to 1871.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Hamilton, the 10th day of

August, 1871. V. E. Frater W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Grand Prior of the Dominion; E. Frater Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Chancellor.

The Order of Knighthood in Canada, is held under authority from England, and differs very materially from the Orders as conferred in the United States, the Order of Red Cross being conferred as a side degree, or more recently the Order has been taken under the wing of the Council of Royal and Select Masters. There are in the Dominion of Canada, eleven Encampments.

The Grand Prior, in his address, thus alludes to the admission of candidates:

"I must again draw the attention of Eminent Commanders to the necessity of greater care being observed in the admittance of candidates to our ranks; they are bound by their terms of office to attend to this point. Sufficient care has not at all times been observed, and there has been great laxity as regards the *social* position and requirements of persons admitted. There exists no desire or intention to make the Order an exclusive or conservative club, but neither is it right to admit as members those whose social positions unfit them as associates in private life. The Order of the Temple is not strictly a Masonic society, and it never was intended that, for the sake of attaining coveted high-sounding Masonic rank, many otherwise worthy Masons should be taken out of their own sphere, and, often to the prejudice of their private avocations, brought forward to fill offices in the Order of the Temple. The Grand Conclave in England has already animadverted on the admission of members who, by the returns received from Encampments, were shown to be persons not eligible for admission.

"The statutes clearly define that no one shall be installed a Knight Templar unless previously balloted for in open Encampment, and that his name, place of abode, and his description, profession, avocation, etc., etc., shall have been inserted in the summons for the meeting at which it is proposed to take the ballot. It is, therefore, the bounden duty of all members to attend such summons; and should an objectionable candidate be proposed, the remedy is in their own hands; and I am sure I have only to request that every possible care and precaution be taken in ascertaining the standing, position and eligibility of all candidates for installation."

He announces the exchange of representation with some of the Grand Commanderies of the United States, and the appointment of a Committee to represent the Grand Priory in the Grand Encampment, consisting of the following V. E. Sir Knights:

"Charles Davis Macdonnell, Thomas Bird Harris, Robert Ramsay, J. K. Kerr, Henry Robertson, James Seymour, the Rev. Vincent Clementi."

CONNECTICUT.

The annual Conclave was held at Meriden, March 21, 1871, R. E. Sir P. St. M. Andrews, Grand Commander, presiding. Ten Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, thus mentions the death of that aged and faithful servant of the Order, the Grand Recorder, E. Sir Eliphalet Gilman Storor:

"It was my painful duty to announce to the officers of the Grand Commandery, the Officers and Knights in this jurisdiction, as also the Grand Commanderies with whom we are in correspondence, under date of October 8, 1870, the death of E. Sir Eliphalet Gilman Storer, Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery. On the 24th day of September, A. D. 1870, having performed the pilgrimage of life, he passed over the Jordan of Death. Thus closed the mortal career of one whose presence at our Conclaves, even back as far as the memory of the oldest of our Order reaches, has been to us both a pleasure and a profit; who exemplified in his life all those sterling qualities which adorn the Christian, the Mason and the Man. His Masonic experience carried him through all the days of trial to which the Order was subjected by ignorance and prejudice, and he lived to the time of its complete triumph. Yet in all the days of darkness and sunshine he personified Fidelity and Truth, and bore the Banner of the Cross aloft at all times with the same cheerful and confiding spirit. Peace to his ashes and blessings upon his memory."

He gives a full account of the Annual Encampment and Review, which occurred at Norwich, on the 8th and 9th of September, 1870. Eight Subordinates were represented, numbering 362 Knights—not one-third of the Sir Knights in the jurisdiction. One Commandery failed to respond to the order; but for reasons satisfactory to the Grand Commandery, and having paid their assessment of expense, were excused for their apparent dereliction of duty.

Before leaving the subject, the Grand Commander makes the following wise suggestions:

"Before dismissing this subject, I cannot feel that I have done my duty to many highly respected members of our Order, without suggesting in their behalf whether our public Encampments have not failed in accomplishing their original design. They are attended with great expense and inconvenience to the members of the several Commanderies, which are not, in their judgment, compensated for by any advantages derived from them.

"The time spent in drill, they say, is too brief for any one to acquire a valuable knowledge of military tactics; and even if such knowledge could be acquired, it is of doubtful utility at best, in view of the objects for which our Order is organized. Are we not in this country growing into the practice of giving too much publicity to our Masonic orders? Should we not be more retiring and exhibit ourselves only on strictly Masonic occasions? I hope this matter may receive from you the most careful consideration."

We observe, however, that the minority report of the Committee was adopted.

"The minority of the Committee on Encampment and Review, would respectfully recommend an Encampment of three days, to be held at New Haven, some time during the month of September, 1871; the time to be fixed by the R. E. Grand Commander."

The Grand Commander, after much argument, arrives at the conclusion that the phrase "Knights Templars," instead of that in most common use, "Knights Templar," is correct. He says:

"The use of the phrase 'Knights Templar' is of very recent origin, an inno-

vation upon all standard authority, and I hope to see it discontinued everywhere hereafter, and especially in our jurisdiction."

His argument is as follows:

"For the same reason that 'men servants' is the plural of man servant, so is 'Knights Templars' the plural of 'Knight Templar.' The word 'Templar' does not qualify the word 'Knight.' It is a distinct noun of itself, and when these words are used together, in the order in which we use them, they are used in a compound sense. The original signification of this word was a 'Knight of the Temple,' or a Knight whose residence was near the Temple at Jerusalem, after that city was taken by the Crusaders, and whose duty it was to protect Christian pilgrims. They were called Templars. No good authority, English or American, ever used the word in connection with the word 'Knight' in an adjective form. See 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' a work of high authority, article 'Knights and Knighthood,' and authorities there quoted; Addison's 'Knights Templars' and Sir Walter Scott's 'Ivanhoe,' and other works; Mackay's Lexicon, Appleton's 'American Encyclopedia,' and all the eminent grammatical authorities of the age."

Sir Knight L. E. Hunt presented an interesting historical address of the Order in Connecticut, from which we learn that the Order was instituted in July, 1796, at Colchester. In June, 1801, a charter was obtained from England, and an Encampment held at New London. Officers were elected in 1810, who held their offices until 1819, when they came under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Grand Commandery formed in 1827, from which time until 1844 the records have been lost, or cannot be found.

With regard to this, he says:

"It is problematical whether the Grand Encampment *held* any meetings between 1829 and 1844, other than for the election of officers, even if they did that *regularly*, as during that time New Haven Encampment No. 2 was the only one in active existence. The more I consider the matter, the more I am inclined to think that this is the correct view to take. There being but one Encampment represented, no legal business could be transacted. The officers for 1842 were *all* members of New Haven Encampment. The officers of New Haven Encampment undoubtedly saw the importance of keeping the Grand Encampment alive until Anti-Masonry should have had its day, and acted accordingly.

"From 1844 to the present time, our records are complete, with the exception of the Semi-Annual Conclave of 1867, of which I find no written or printed record. I have, however, been able to make out a record from the minutes of the Grand Recorder, which are on file amongst his papers."

One charter issued and one refused.

The Grand Recorder, Sir John W. Stedman, presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of thirteen Grand Commanderies, all he has received. We trust he may be more successful in future.

R. E. Sir W. W. Storey, of Norwalk, was elected Grand Commander; Sir John W. Stedman, of Norwich, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 10 Subordinates; 1,228 members; 97 created.

GEORGIA.

The tenth annual Conclave was held at Atlanta, May 24th, 1871. R. E. Sir George Smith Obeare, Grand Commander, presiding. Seven Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commandery having been opened in ample form, the Grand Commandery, preceded by the several Subordinates, were escorted to the Second Baptist Church, where the Public Liturgy of the Order was recited, and a learned, chaste, and exceedingly interesting address was delivered by Sir Thomas Hardeman.

The Grand Commander, in his short local address, brings to the minds of the Sir Knights the fact, that although death has not invaded their jurisdiction, yet that during the past year, several distinguished members of the Order in other jurisdictions have passed to the asylum above.

In conclusion he puts upon the record this admonition :

"I have received the printed Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Commanderies, and have realized much pleasure in perusing them. The Order appears to be greatly increasing throughout the United States—I am fearful, too rapidly for its welfare. I feel it my duty to speak a word of admonition to the Sir Knights representing Subordinates in this Commandery, that in the selection of candidates for the Orders, none should be allowed to pass the ballot who are guilty of profanity, intemperance, or the least immorality ; and if any are among you of this character, you should see to it that our Order is not reproached by retaining such in your Commanderies ; acting, at all times, with charity and love toward the erring Sir Knight."

The Grand Commandery accepted an invitation of the Atlanta & Richmond Air-line Railway Co. to an excursion ; also, a banquet and ball by Cœur de Leon Commandery, No. 4, of which it was said :

"The Reception given by the Sir Knights of Cœur de Leon Commandery, No. 4, was a splendid and perfect ovation. Not less than one thousand persons were present.

"The elegant and spacious reception hall, the magnificent frescoed walls, the glittering lights, the enlivening music, the citizens in party dress, the Sir Knights in full cap and feather, stately, chivalrous, and gay ; and the ladies, beautiful and lovely, sprightly nestling amid silks, satins, laces, trails and gems sparkling and bright in the liquid light, and sweet perfumes exhaling on the evening zephyrs, wafted us away in a gaze upon manliness and loveliness, grace and beauty."

The Committee on Tactics made the following report :

"Your Committee on Tactics, after a careful examination, recommend that the Tactics adopted by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, entitled 'Templar's Manual,' be adopted by this Grand Commandery, to be used by the subordinate Commanderies."

Appended to the report is the interesting oration of Sir Knight Thomas Hardeman, and the Knightly report on Correspondence, by J. Emmett Blackshear, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-two Grand Commanderies, quoting largely from our Proceedings of 1870.

He objects to our resolution in regard to the Council degrees, in the following language :

"We do earnestly hope that the Grand Commandery will decide that the Orders of Knighthood have nothing whatever to do with Cryptic Masonry. Too many degrees have been already lugged into the American system ; and it would be far better to lop off some of the excrescences, than to engraft new ones. If the preceding degrees are properly conferred, all that is left for the Council is a few signs, passwords, etc., which we consider of but little importance. We are certainly not opposed to anything of value that is in any way connected with Masonry, nor are we opposed to having whatever is of value taught esoterically if *necessary* ; but we are opposed to the unnecessary multiplication of degrees. Having, therefore, failed to discover the utility of the Council degrees, as such, we unhesitatingly oppose their being made pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood."

R. E. Sir Geo. Smith Obear, of Macon, was re-elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Charles Rudd Armstrong, of Macon, Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 8 Subordinates ; 361 members ; 45 created.

INDIANA.

The seventeenth annual Conclave was held at Indianapolis, April 4th, 1871. V. E. Sir Thomas Pattison, Deputy Grand Commander, presiding. Twenty-one Subordinates represented.

In the absence of the Grand Commander, his address, as submitted by the Deputy, is principally devoted to local matters. One dispensation issued for a new Commandery at Marion. He suggests uniformity of work, and that the subject of Tactics and Drill receive the careful attention of the several Commanderies.

A Past Eminent Commander having made application to the Committee on Credentials for admission as a member of the Grand Commandery, it was decided that he was such member under the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

A memorial having been presented by a committee of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, asking the Grand Body to make the Council degrees a pre-requisite to the Order of Red Cross, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who report as follows :

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the memorial from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana, having considered the subject matter referred to them, respectfully and courteously submit the following report :

"That waiving the question of the right to so change the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, as to require all applicants for the Orders of Knighthood in our Commanderies to be in possession of the Royal and Select Master's degrees, your Committee fear, that doing so at this time would result in a greater amount of evil and confusion in our co-ordinate departments, than would be realized from the benefits arising therefrom.

"Your Committee think, that the Council department of our Order, like the lily, from its purity and the retired position in which it has grown and prospered in the past, now occupies, perhaps, the best position in which it could be placed."

"We therefore report it inexpedient to take any further action in the premises at this time."

The following resolutions in regard to names of subordinate Commanderies, were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That henceforth each Commandery which shall be organized within this State, shall be designated by the name of the city or town where located, with the appropriate consecutive number.

"*Resolved*, That all the existing Commanderies of this State, which now bear other designations, be requested to signify their assent, that this Grand Commandery may change the same to that of the city or town where located."

We find no report on Correspondence, or acknowledgment of the receipt of the Proceedings of other Grand Commanderies by the Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 20 Subordinates ; 1,086 members ; 195 created.

IOWA.

The seventh annual Conclave was held at Clinton, October 18, 1870. R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower, Grand Commander. Fifteen chartered and five Commanderies, U. D., represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is principally local. Dispensations issued for five new Commanderies. He notices the sickness unto death of the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir C. S. Rollin, deems it undesirable to grant dispensations to form Commanderies where the community is not large enough to support them, and suggests the propriety of insisting on new Commanderies taking some Templar name.

A resolution looking to the modifying the prohibition concerning the granting of charters to Commanderies within forty miles, was lost by a vote of 43 to 49. We are of opinion that the only legal prohibition is the capability to sustain a Commandery ; all other distinctions are imaginary.

A public installation of the Grand Officers was had, at which P. V. E. Sir E. A. Guilbert was Grand Orator, and a capital oration it was, from which we take the following :

"The branch of that Masonic organization which we represent to-day, ladies and gentlemen, is the only one which is founded upon a sectarian idea. The Masonic Order of the Temple has copied from its glorious ante-type certain distinctive features, which are both its pride and its joy. Like them, we are vowed to 'wield our swords in defense of innocent maidens, helpless orphans, destitute widows, and the Christian religion.' As sternly and unconqueringly as did our theoretical ancestry, do we exalt the Cross, the holy emblem of that religion, far above the crescent of infidelity. They were militant warriors ; we are moral ones. Our battles, as Masonic Knights, are waged against the sins that beset us on the right and on the left—against the evils that warp and

distress mankind. Our sworn duty is to 'feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind up the wounds of the afflicted,' and, in season and out of season, to inculcate, to practice, and so far as may be, to *enforce* the virtues of charity and hospitality. Its lessons teach the mortality of the body, and the immortality of the soul. They demand of all who participate in its impressive libations, an avowed belief in the divinity and messianic mission of Immanuel. As do all the grades in Masonry, from the Blue Lodge, which is the corner stone of the many-roomed edifice, up to and including the degrees of the Scottish Rite, which are the most elaborately ornamented of all the side-chambers of the institution, the Order of the Temple acknowledges in all its beautiful ceremonial the power and necessity of prayer. Here, as in the Blue Lodge, one of the most impressive of the many lessons that are whispered in the ear of the novice, is the injunction that, *everywhere*, and on *all* occasions, before entering upon great and important undertakings, it is our bounden duty to invoke God's blessing upon our endeavors. God's Holy Book is the *warp*, our majestic ceremonial is the *woof*, and PRAYER is the *shuttle* that carries the undecaying threads of beauty, which elaborate the whole into one splendid, golden, glowing tapestrial picture! Numerous, very numerous, now, are the asylum walls in which those tapestrial pictures are hung, and many, very many, are the true and courteous Sir Knights who are wont to draw inspiration while gazing thereon, and studying the lessons those gorgeous pictures teach; lessons which inspire us with a love of all that is good, and beautiful, and true, as opposed to everything which is sordid and low; lessons which teach us fidelity to friends, loyalty to the religion of Christ, and a strict observance of all those civil virtues out of which come a hearty support of the doctrines of free institutions, free speech, free schools, and free men. Such an Order is worthy all the time and labor we bestow upon it. Bad and bigoted priests may malign it, or misconstrue its teachings, and lampoon its exponents, but we fear them not, bearing ever in mind the fact, that sooner or later, in the economy of God's providence, His enemies are scattered. The institution of Masonry has often, in the past, been forced to 'sow in tears,' but God has ever permitted it, sooner or later, to 'reap in joy.' Often, for wise but inscrutable purposes, has the All-wise permitted the iron of persecution to enter its soul, but ever and surely did the compensation come, whereby the Genius of the institution was permitted to pluck from out the nettle *Despondency*, the flower of invigorating aroma, the flower *Recuperation*! And so when we remember how unceasing and how manifest has been the guardianship that has been exercised over the Order during all these storied centuries, we can but exclaim with the Psalmist: 'I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, O God, and Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.'"

The report on Correspondence, by E. Sir Wm. B. Langridge, covers fifty-three closely-printed pages, and is an excellent review of twenty-one Grand Com-manderies. Illinois, for 1869, receives fraternal mention.

R. E. Sir R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, re-elected Grand Commander. E. Sir W. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 20 Subordinates; 720 members; 149 created.

KANSAS.

The second annual Conclave was held at Atchison, October 17, 1870. R. E. Sir William O. Gould, Grand Commander. Five Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, gives a resume of his several visitations during the year, reports the several Subordinates to be in a healthy condition, and that accessions to the ranks have been generally from those who will be an honor to the Order, cautions the officers to be careful who are the applicants for the Orders, especially that no profane or intemperate be admitted. He reports no applications having been made for new Commanderies, and advises no applications unless they first be sure they have the material and means, and are themselves qualified; makes some good suggestions in regard to Ritual and Tactics and Drill, and advises that the Grand Commandery wait and see if something cannot be done at the next session of the Grand encampment.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Delegates from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the United States, at their next Triennial Conclave, in the city of Baltimore, in September, 1871, are hereby instructed to use their influence and vote in favor of making the Council Degrees a pre-requisite in order to complete the qualifications of a candidate for the Orders of Knighthood."

Also the following:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall not be lawful for any Commandery of Knights Templar in this jurisdiction to receive and act upon the petition of any Companion Royal Arch Mason for the Orders of Knighthood, who is not, at the time he makes such application, a member in good standing of a Lodge and a Chapter in this jurisdiction; and further, that he has resided in the jurisdiction of the Commandery to which he may apply, at least six months preceding the time at which he applies."

A substitute was adopted for a resolution requiring the reissuing of charters to the several Subordinates holding charters from the Grand Encampment, requiring the same to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder for official endorsement.

The Order of the Temple was exemplified by the Grand Commandery.

Sir J. H. Brown presents an excellent report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of sixteen Grand Commanderies. Illinois, for 1869, receives a lengthy notice.

E. Sir Wm. O. Gould, of Leavenworth, re-elected Grand Commander. Sir E. T. Carr, of Leavenworth, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 5 Subordinates; 136 members; 23 created.

KENTUCKY.

The twenty-fourth annual Conclave was held at Mt. Sterling, July 12, 1871. R. E. Sir William A. Warner, Grand Commander. Ten Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports his official duties as light, no applications for new Commanderies, and no grievances complained of; congratu-

lates the Grand Commandery on the prosperous condition of the Order throughout the jurisdiction; deprecates the practice of "cases of emergency," and recommends more attention to the Tactics and Drill, and strongly urges the several Commanderies to insist on their membership providing themselves with uniforms, and, in conclusion, advocates the "one term principle."

The several Grand Officers give a resume of their several visitations during the year, by which the several Subordinates are visited by a Grand Officer.

Sir William C. Munger presents his twelfth annual report on Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the transactions of twenty-three Grand Commanderies. Illinois, for 1870, receives courteous mention.

In conclusion, he says:

"We feel like apologizing for the very brief report we have made, remembering there is so much of interest, so many important questions presented by Committees in other jurisdictions, which we have felt compelled to pass over with barely a notice."

R. E. Sir M. H. Smith, of Maysville, Grand Commander. Sir Wm. C. Munger, of Franklin, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 11 Subordinates; 587 members; 69 created.

LOUISIANA.

The eighth annual Conclave was held at New Orleans, February 17th, 1871. R. E. Sir Joseph P. Horner, Grand Commander, and the representatives of three Subordinates, composing this jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander, in his address, notices in appropriate terms the decease of Grand Master French and Past Grand Commander Fulgence Ricau and of the Grand Captain General, James E. McBeth.

During the past year, he says, "I have performed no official acts of any moment; there has been nothing to disturb the harmony which has always existed in our ranks, and our fraternal ties are more and more strengthened every day. I had hoped that some steps would have been taken looking to the organization of one or more new Commanderies out of the city of New Orleans, but our present Subordinates seem to be all that are necessary, and when the time arrives our Fraters in the parishes will doubtless apply for Dispensations. As a matter of some interest, I have compiled a list of Knights of this jurisdiction residing out of the city and in this State, and find them to number eighteen. From this it is evident that matters are not yet ripe for the propagation of our Order in the country."

An attempt to repeal the requirement of a period of probation of six months for every candidate for the Orders, after his exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason, was lost.

Sir James B. Scot presented the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-two Grand Commanderies; among them, Illinois for 1870.

Sir Knight Scot thus bids adieu to the corps reportorial:

"Here we close our fifth and last report. We have not the time at our command necessary for the preparation of two reports, and holding that the Grand Lodge has a prior claim upon our services, we resign, but not without reluctance, the post so long held in this Grand Commandery. In bidding adieu to our brethren of the Correspondence Committees, we thank them for the many kind notices bestowed upon our labors, and crave pardon if, in expressing our own opinions, we have ever wounded the feelings of the most sensitive. We have never done so intentionally, but to err is human; and in the hope that when the pilgrimage of life is finished, we may all meet in the Grand Asylum on high, this report is courteously submitted."

We are sorry for this, as his are among the best reports we find.

R. E. Sir John A. Stevenson was elected Grand Commander; Sir Gustavus Sontag Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 3 Subordinates; 253 members; 16 created.

MAINE.

The twentieth annual Conclave was held at Portland, May 3d, 1871. R. E. Sir Charles H. McLellan, Grand Commander.

Eleven Subordinates represented.

From the address of the Grand Commander, and the reports of the several Grand Officers, we learn, "everything is in as prosperous condition as could be wished" in the Northeast Corner.

The Grand Commander says:

"No petitions for new bodies have been applied for during the past year, nor am I aware of any necessities existing for such. The increase of members has been all that could be desired, and if that alone constituted *all* to be wished for, our Order would be prosperous indeed."

He counsels greater care in elections, greater exclusion, and a stronger desire than to become merely an object of show or form. He says:

"Time was when a Templar excited a feeling of respect and even mysterious awe; now he hardly has a place, save as an object of parade and glitter; and as he steps from the N. E. corner of the Lodge directly into the plumed hat and regalia, the traditionary weight of the title has long since passed away."

As to the conferring the Orders on candidates who have not waited the specified time, and of the haste to confer the Orders, he makes the following suggestions, which are, in the main, too true:

"During the past year, I have often heard it mentioned, as a reason why this time for consideration should not be taken, that as a Mason a man's character had been properly investigated and thoroughly known, and hence the further inquiry was but form. I feel sure that on reflection this will prove but of little weight, when we think how widely, of late years, the doors of Masonry itself have been thrown open, and of the many we have known who are now of the brotherhood, who would scarcely again stand the ordeal of the most *trifling* examination of character. And again, are there not many who stand well as

Masons who would make but indifferent members of our Order, unless we are to throw aside the numerous professions and obligations we have made, in *addition* to our former ones; in which case, why not throw aside the whole of our relations to this Order, or place no further restrictions on it than those which entitle a man to become a Mason, and which restrictions, I am sorry to observe, become less and less as the institution becomes older."

The Grand Commander reports his several visitations, and makes the following remarks as regards regalia:

"In my meeting with the various bodies at the late review, I could not help making notes of the disposition to overstep the rule made by this Body in regard to uniformity of regalia; and could but call to mind the well worn quotation, already made use of by our accomplished Frater of Vermont, in the same connection:

" 'Black spirits and white,
Red spirits and gray,
Mingle, mingle, mingle,
You that mingle may.' "

"It is an excuse for this in some measure that the regulations in this regard are not as precise as could be wished for; and in one instance during the past year I have had some difficulty in really determining what particular style I was to set forth as the *true* standard, several appeals having been made to me in this regard."

The formation of the Grand Commandery of Maryland was formally acknowledged, and a system of Tactics and Drill presented by Sir Stephen Berry, and adopted.

Sir Josiah H. Drummond presents another of his excellent reports on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-six Grand Commanderies. Our Proceedings for 1870 receive kind attention. We find in his report the following regarding the Order in England:

"We have had an opportunity of examining the 'Calendar of the Orders of Masonic Knights Templar and Knights of Malta for 1870-1871, under the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, and the Colonial Dependencies of the British Crown.'

"The 'Grand Conclave' has under its jurisdiction *one hundred and twelve* Encampments.

"The Proceedings at the annual session are not of special interest; the Prince of Wales attended and was received with full ceremony and seated at the right hand of the Grand Master.

"The system of representation is much the same as in this country, but the administration is chiefly committed to Provincial Grand Commanders, of whom there are *thirty-four* appointed by the Grand Master. The Orders conferred are Knight Templar, Mediterranean Pass and Knight of Malta.

"Sir William Stuart is Grand Master, and Sir W. Tinkler Vice-Chancellor, to whom all correspondence should be addressed, directed to No. 15 Portugal street, Lincoln's Inn, London, W. C."

And, in conclusion, he says :

"From every quarter of this great jurisdiction comes the same report — the prevalence of peace, harmony and prosperity. We believe we are making progress, not merely in outward observances, in the Ritual, the Work, the Jurisprudence of the Order and care to prevent the admission of the unworthy, but also in the practice of the principles we profess. We trust to be able to report still higher progress in the same direction, until the Order shall become as renowned for the practice of the Christian virtues, as it is for Knightly courtesy, charity and benevolence. To this end let us redouble our efforts, relying upon the great Captain of our Salvation for His aid, not arrogating to ourselves any merit for our labors, but with devoutly thankful hearts rendering to Him all glory and honor and praise :

"The praise, O Lord, be Thine alone,
In Thy own way Thy work be done !
Our poor gifts at Thy feet we cast,
To whom be glory, First and Last."

The N. E. Corner seems dissatisfied with the regulation as regards uniform :

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Encampment be directed to use their endeavors in that Grand Body to obtain permission for all Subordinate Commanderies in this State to adopt the uniform of the older New England Commanderies, as worn by our three eldest Commanderies."

As a testimonial of esteem and appreciation of the services of their Past Grand Commander, the uniform worn by him during his term of office was donated him.

R. E. Sir Henry H. Dickey, of Lewiston, was elected Grand Commander. Sir Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 11 Subordinates, 1,117 members, 124 created.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Commandery of Maryland was formed by authority of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States — R. E. Sir J. L. Hutchinson, of Pennsylvania, acting as Grand Master — January 23d, 1871.

The first Grand Conclave was held at the same date — R. E. Sir Charles H. Mann, Grand Commander ; Sir Frank J. Kugler, Grand Recorder.

The first annual Conclave was held at Baltimore, May 10th, 1871.

The address of the Grand Commander, Sir Charles H. Mann, is short, but shows much activity in so young a Grand Body.

Sir Hermon L. Emmons, Jr., presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Commanderies. Among them, Illinois for 1870 receives attention.

R. E. Sir Charles H. Mann is Grand Commander ; Sir Frank J. Kugler Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 5 Subordinates ; 432 members ; 27 created.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

The well printed Proceedings of this Grand Commandery for the year ending October 28, 1870, have been received. R. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Grand Commander.

A special assembly was called at Providence, R. I., December 31, 1869, to attend the funeral obsequies of their late Past Grand Master, Sir William Field. The services were according to the Ritual of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, several Commanderies attending as escort.

The semi-annual Conclave was held May 27, 1870, for the exemplification of the Work and Ritual, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

The Grand Commander notices, in his address, the decease of several distinguished Knights, Past Grand Master Sir William Field, R. E. Sir John Hews, E. Sir J. Harding Smith, and Sir Anson Burlingame.

The Grand Commander thus speaks of recent persecutions of the brethren in Cuba :

"Recent information from Cuba tells us of our own brethren and our own countrymen charged with hostility to the government, and barbarously executed upon no other evidence than that they met in their Lodges, as Masons, for Masonic purposes.

"The excuse is that the society is a secret society. If so, all the world knows its general objects and purposes. All the world knows that it is a social and charitable society—not only abstaining from, but prohibiting, all interference with the political affairs of the State. It exists everywhere, under all governments; it engages in no plots or conspiracies. If permitted, it will prosper and flourish in all alike.

"But it is in no just sense a secret society. Its objects and purposes, so far as any community or people or government are interested in them, are to every intelligent person as open, known, and notorious, as the objects and purposes of the church; and, so far, we have never attempted to conceal them. Nor is it a secret society so far as the selection of its initiates are concerned; it does not confine itself to any class of citizens, to any sect or religion, to the believers in any political or governmental scheme or party. The Spanish officers who executed our brethren—being of good moral character and believing in God—would have been as eligible candidates for admission as the wealthy planter.

"Such being the known status of our Masonic societies, it is as clearly within the legitimate province of our Government—and, if the information to which I have referred proves authentic, it is its duty—to insist that every treaty with Spain should contain clauses securing to our citizens protection in the exercise of their Masonic rights as in the enjoyment of religious freedom.

"Do not let me be understood that, in the absence of such a treaty, our Masonic citizens are not entitled to the protection of our Government. It would certainly be a national disgrace if American citizens who are Masons are to be executed for visiting their brother Masons, wherever scattered; but I do claim—

if this intelligence proves correct — that, while insisting upon indemnity for the past, Government should also insist upon security for the future.

“Shall it be that British captives in Abyssinia shall be liberated by the sword, and the death of British captives in Greece be punished, and peaceful American citizens be slaughtered in Cuba with impunity because they are Freemasons?”

“Even the Pope of Rome, confounding Masonry with secret political societies, or for some other reason, unwisely forbids his adherents to hold intercourse with them. It may be that he is jealous of the only society that rivals his own in its wide-spread universality — reaching even beyond the bounds of civilization. One would think he might see the folly of insisting upon creating a contest with a Fraternity that has in it nothing really antagonistic to his own sphere of action.

“It is with pleasure that I turn to the greater enlightenment of the destined occupant of the British Throne, who, on the 30th of March last, on the seventy-second anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London, took occasion to speak in the highest terms of the loyalty of Masons to the Crown, and heartily declared that the interests of Freemasonry would always be upheld and respected by him.”

A petition from the several Commanderies of Rhode Island having been presented Grand Master Gardner, for the formation of a Grand Commandery for the State of Rhode Island, the Grand Master declines to issue his Warrant, for the following strong reasons:

“It has been decided that under this provision, before a Grand Commandery can be formed, it is necessary to have the formal written Warrant, under seal of the Grand Master, to authorize the proceedings. In the present case, can the Grand Master grant such a Warrant?”

“It is beyond dispute that a Grand Encampment has heretofore, before 1856 — before 1816 — been formed in the State of Rhode Island; that it has held meetings there, granted Warrants for new Encampments, and exercised all the peculiar powers belonging to such a Grand Body; that it now exists, by the name of a Grand Commandery, vital in every part, and exercising a jurisdiction over Rhode Island, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, as absolute as any other Grand Commandery in the United States.

“It is difficult for me to see where the power is conferred upon the Grand Master, in the Constitution or elsewhere, to set aside the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and, of my own pleasure, determine that the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has jurisdiction only over the State of Massachusetts. It is the duty of the Grand Master to consider this question of jurisdiction strictly according to the Constitution, and to preserve the rights and powers of the State Grand Encampment as fully as possible. It is not for me to discuss how this separation can be brought about. It was a union easily entered into, perhaps — not so easily broken. I have only to decide that I have no authority, as Grand Master, to approve of the formation of a Grand Commandery in the State of Rhode Island, and to decline to grant my Warrant therefor.”

From the above it is plainly evident that Rhode Island must sever its connection with the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts, of which it is a component part, before it can set up for itself.

A special assembly was held at Westerley, September 26th, 1870, for the purpose of constituting Narragansett Commandery. The Grand Commander thus closes an interesting address to the Commandery:

"Your anchor is up; your sails are spread to the passing breeze; your papers are clear; your mission is holy. Steer by the compass of truth and fidelity, and all will be well.

"You must not be deterred if you should find your barque surrounded by fog; if storms beset you; or if shoals and rocks are in your path. Steer by the compass of truth and fidelity, and when the fog lifts, you will find yourselves still on your course, and that Scylla and Charybdis are left on the one hand and the other; and that the storms only break a rotten spar, or carry away a rotten sail, and free you from the evil of poor material.

"Sir Knights, the Grand Commandery wishes you a safe and prosperous voyage, and bids you God speed."

The sixteenth annual Conclave was held at Boston, October 28th, 1870. R. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Grand Commander, presiding, and the representatives of twenty-six Subordinates.

From the reports of the several Grand Officers, we learn that peace and harmony reign supreme within this ancient jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander, in his address, uses some strong and pungent arguments against the practice of public parades, and lays down the law thus:

"Of the law applicable to this practice there can be no question. Every Commander is enjoined to permit nothing to be done by virtue of the Charter, except that which it authorizes. The authority of a Commandery is to assemble, as a Commandery, only in the place named in its Charter, and for the purposes named in its Charter. Everything else is beyond its power, except by Dispensation from the Grand Commander.

"A Commandery of Knights Templars has no more right to march through the public streets, as a Commandery, and with its Templar costume, without a Dispensation, than has a Lodge of Master Masons without a Dispensation from the Grand Master."

Several Memorial Tablets of the distinguished dead, with the several organizations, and the Constitution of the Grand Commandery, are appended to the Proceedings, but no report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Benjamin Dean was re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir Alfred F. Chapman Grand Recorder, both of Boston.

Statistics: 31 Subordinates; 3,818 members; 478 created.

MICHIGAN.

The fifteenth annual Conclave was held at Detroit, June 6th, 1871. R. E. Sir John L. Mitchell, Grand Commander. Twenty-eight Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is principally devoted to local matters.

He reports that, aside from the healthy progress of the Order, no marked event has occurred during the year to demand particular notice ; no Dispensations for new Commanderies were issued, but remarks that he has been informed that petitions would be presented for the location of Commanderies within the prescribed distance, which should receive careful attention ; notices the death of several prominent members of the Order ; presents his objections to the Grand Representative system ; brings to the notice of the Grand Commandery the desire of some to make the Council Degrees a pre-requisite to the Orders, and thus speaks of Uniformity of Work :

"The question of Uniformity of Work within our own jurisdiction, as well as throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, is one to which your attention has been called at every returning annual Convocation, and will undoubtedly call for consideration for years to come, and while an entire uniformity in the Esoteric Work and Drill of the Orders, is a result earnestly to be wished for, yet it is a consummation my experience tells me is unattainable. Our work is in the hands of twenty-six Grand Bodies, and more immediately in charge of over three hundred and sixty Eminent Commanders, scattered from Maine to California, and from the Lakes to the Gulf. These men, with their more than one thousand co-workers, have been educated in different schools, have been subject to different influences, have diverse modes of thought and action, and it is not to be expected that they will use a strict uniformity of language in working the same Ritual, nor is it a matter of such profound importance and regret that we have this variation, while the great truths imparted, the lessons taught and secrets revealed, are the same through the length and breadth of our jurisdiction."

By resolution, Records of Subordinate Commanderies were made exempt from dues to the Grand Commandery.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to repeal a resolution prohibiting Subordinates from conferring the Orders upon any candidate until he shall procure, or deposit the means to procure, the proper uniform of the Order. Looks very much like an attempt to run a Masonic Regalia Establishment.

The Committee on Representation made the following report, which was adopted :

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject matter of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, in relation to the appointment of Representatives by this Grand Commandery to represent it in other Grand Commanderies, would respectfully report : That by referring to last year's Proceedings of this Grand Body they find a very able report made on that subject, and one that fully coincides with the views of your present Committee ; and after giving the subject further consideration, they would respectfully report that as it is the usual custom of the several State Grand Commanders to send printed copies of their Proceedings to sister State Grand Commanderies ; and inasmuch as all the State Grand Commanderies are subordinate to the General Grand Encampment of the United States, who settles all disputes, and legislates for the good of all ; and as the representatives have no power—not even a voice—in the deliberations of any

Grand Body in the capacity of such representation, your Committee fail to see any possible good that can result from the system of representation as practiced by sister jurisdictions."

If the appointment of Grand Representatives to other State Grand Commanderies does no other good, it shows at least a courteous feeling the one toward the other.

The Past Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, having declined to be re-elected, were elected to honorary life membership, as a mark of appreciation.

Sir O. Bourke presents an able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1870 receives kind mention.

R. E. Sir Irving M. Smith, of East Saginaw, was elected Grand Commander ; Sir Wm. P. Innes, of Grand Rapids, Grand Recorder.

We have looked in vain for a table of statistics, and, after considerable figuring, have arrived at the following :

Statistics : 28 Subordinates, 1,677 members.

MINNESOTA.

The fifth annual conclave was held at Rochester, June 24th, 1870. R. E. Sir E. D. B. Porter, Grand Commander.

Five Subordinates represented.

From the address of the Grand Commander we learn that prosperity, peace and harmony prevail. One Dispensation issued for a Commandery at Wabashaw.

He reports the several Subordinates in a healthy condition, giving attention to the Ritual, and to the subject of Tactics and Drill ; notices the death of several worthy Knights, and thus speaks of the anti-Masonic crusade :

"I did think of devoting some little attention, in my address, to the anti-Masonic crusade, inaugurated by Phinney, Blanchard, and a few others, whose fanaticism greatly exceeds their Christianity, but I reflected that their futile efforts were worthy of nothing more than contempt, and therefore concluded that I would govern myself accordingly, for

" 'What valor were it when a cur doth grin,
For one to thrust his hand between his teeth,
When one might spurn him with his foot away ?' "

And concludes his address in the following language :

"We are engaged in a noble and glorious warfare against the vices, errors and superstitions of the day ; and although we may not be called upon to perform the deeds of noble daring that characterized the Knights of the olden time, yet we should endeavor, as members of our beloved Order, to mark our path through life with deeds of charity and pure beneficence, remembering that

" 'The drying up a single tear has more
Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore.' "

Sir S. Y. McMasters presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Commanderies, making suitable comments. Illinois for 1869 receives attention. He concludes thus :

"Your Committee is painfully conscious of having passed over a large amount of valuable material without note or remark, and gleaned but little from a wide field, white unto the harvest. The apology is, want of leisure, and the writer must hereafter be released from this duty, alike for his own protection against overwork, and that this branch of Knightly service may be better performed. Every year's experience and observation goes to intensify the conviction, in the liberal and sensitive mind, that Masonry, in all her departments, is full of good, and fraught with blessings to mankind. But in *Templar* Masonry is an element unknown to the lower departments. All recognize God, and bow to His word ; but *Knighthood* sees 'God in Christ Jesus, reconciling the World unto Himself.' To her is clearly revealed the Holy City, New Jerusalem, and the temple on the heavenly mount, only at whose gates the valiant Knight must hang his battered armor, and find eternal rest. Profanity, skepticism, irreverence, and crime must never dishonor her banners. Her conflicts are not in name, but in deed and in truth ; but her weapons are 'not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of' the strongholds of wickedness.

"Carrying in one hand 'The sword of the spirit, which is the word of God,' she points, with the other, to the cross of redemption, and calls to all her embattled hosts, '*in hoc signo vinces!*'"

The installation of Grand Officers was public, and performed by P. G. C. Ames, the V. E. Past Deputy Grand Commander of Iowa, Sir E. A. Guilbert delivering the oration.

R. E. Sir Geo. L. Otis, of St. Paul, was elected Grand Commander. Sir Geo. A. Savory, of Minneapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 6 Subordinates ; 389 members ; 54 created.

MISSISSIPPI.

The annual Conclave was held at Vicksburg, January 21st, 1871. R. E. Sir Chas. T. Bond, Grand Commander. Five Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander opens thus :

"We are hastening, as rapidly as the wings of time can bear us, over life's uneven journey. To some the way is smooth ; to others, crooked. Health and plenty, joys and sorrows, trials and triumphs, hope and gloom, smiles and tears, sunshine and shadows, alternate and mingle in the lives of men, to aid, comfort and relieve each other along the checkered way of time. We, as Sir Knights, are bound by the strongest ties. The devotional exercises with which we commence our annual Conclaves are not mere empty forms and ceremonies, but should be the sincere expressions of earnest hearts, deeply conscious of our entire dependence upon the Almighty One, and profoundly grateful for His constant, kind, merciful protection and bountiful beneficence. Remembering how many have been stricken down by death, or overwhelmed by misfortune, and that we

have been watched over and preserved, and permitted to enjoy this re-union of the tried, true and trusty, the fullness of our hearts constrain us to exclaim : 'The Lord is good, for His mercy endureth forever.'

"It is a proud consolation that peace and plenty once again are enjoyed in the borders of our beloved State; and, I may add, that during the past year peace and quiet have prevailed throughout our whole country, while the largest and fairest portions of Europe have been ravaged and plundered by war, and human blood has freely flowed. No famine or pestilence, with blasting breath, has visited our land, and the earth has yielded abundant fruits to all who have diligently toiled."

One dispensation issued, for a Commandery at Columbus.

A special Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held at Jackson, June 24th, of which he thus speaks :

"On the 24th of June last it was my pleasure, in conformity to previous arrangement, to meet a number of Grand Officers of the different Grand Bodies of Mississippi, at Jackson, the State capital, where the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery were opened, and the day enjoyed in festive, social, brotherly, Knightly greeting and courtesy. Past Grand Master Gathright was orator of the day, and delivered an elegant, chaste, and learned address; after which the good things of the table had ample and full justice done them by the fraternity. To attempt a description of the beauty of the scene and handsome arrangements of the table, would result in failure to do justice to the accomplished ladies of Jackson and vicinity, who always have a hand in doing good."

In conclusion, he says :

"We hail with cordiality the kind and friendly greeting with which our resuscitation as a Grand Commandery is mentioned in the various Grand Jurisdictions, and can assure them that Temple Masonry in Mississippi is a living institution, and that henceforth progress and prosperity will be the motto of our noble Order."

The Proceedings of this Grand Commandery, for several years, not having been published, would naturally give rise to the impression that the Grand Commandery of Mississippi had disbanded. We are glad to note that she has again flung her banner to the breeze.

Sir Wm. S. Patton reviews the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Commanderies. Our reports have failed to reach our Fraters of Mississippi. Why, we know not, having been regularly sent.

In conclusion, he says :

"We have endeavored faithfully to act our part as a reporter. We have endeavored to chronicle a fair and just statement of such facts as come to our knowledge without partiality, and to bring such matters before you from foreign jurisdictions as we thought would be to the best interests of Knighthood. It was our ardent desire to embrace in this report a review of the Proceedings of all our sister Grand Bodies, but some of them were not received in time. As they come to hand, they will be turned over to our successor. Hoping that our beloved Order may continue to prosper; that when our pilgrimage on earth shall

close, as true and valiant Knights, may we all be clothed in full armor, ready to meet the 'King of Terror,' and gain admittance in the Grand Conclave above."

R. E. Sir Wm. S. Patton, of Meridian, was elected Grand Commander; Sir J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 7 Subordinates; 214 members; 40 created.

MISSOURI.

The tenth annual Conclave was held at St. Louis, October 4th, 1870. R. E. Sir James F. Aglar, Grand Commander. Thirteen Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, which is principally local, says:

"It is now ten years since the formation of our Grand Commandery, and I can say with pride that the Grand Commandery of Missouri now ranks among the first in the United States, in numbers, discipline, perfection in drill, and the work in the several orders."

Dispensation for two new Commanderies issued, and one refused, being in too close proximity to a Commandery already chartered and feeble.

The Grand Commander makes the following suggestion, and we think it would be well to adopt the custom of Massachusetts, to allow no Commandery to appear in public except by special dispensation:

"I notice that several Commanderies in this jurisdiction are in the habit of making an annual parade on Good Friday, and end by a banquet, speeches, etc. As we are a Christian organization, and profess to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, I think it is wrong for us to observe this day in this manner. Instead of a public parade, eating and making ourselves merry, we should repair to our different churches and listen to the Word of God on this day, the anniversary of the sacrifice on Calvary. I hope this Grand Commandery will express itself in unqualified terms against any public parades on Good Friday, except for funerals or for the purpose of going to some house of divine worship."

The expenses of the Grand Body having largely increased, the Grand Commander suggests an increase of fees and dues.

To produce uniformity, he suggests:

"That all Commanderies chartered after this date require their members to furnish themselves with a regular military, single-breasted coat, with metal buttons, and that all companions, or Sir Knights, joining any Commandery in this jurisdiction, after this date, be also required to do the same."

We say, no metal buttons for us.

The Annual Camp of Compulsory Instruction, as we anticipated, has led our Missouri Fraters into trouble. Nine Commanderies obeyed the order to appear, armed and equipped, at Columbia, May 26th, 1870. Five failed to make an appearance, for which two were suspended and three reprimanded by the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander says:

"I recommend all of these Commanderies to the favorable consideration of this Grand Body, and hope they will be treated as gently as possible. I assure you,

Sir Knights, that I reflected a long time before I came to the final conclusion to suspend and reprimand these Commanderies, but I knew I was placed here to enforce the laws of the Grand Commandery, which in this case were imperative, and that you would look to me to see that your laws and edicts were enforced."

We notice that the resolution ordering an annual Camp was repealed.

Sir Geo. Frank Gouley presents an able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-one Grand Commanderies. Ours, for 1869, receives extended notice. We copy his conclusion :

"Another year has rolled around, and brought with it the fruit of the reports we have just reviewed. We have enjoyed them as annual testimonials of renewed friendship and fraternity. They speak but one language—the voice of "Peace on earth, good will to mankind"—the noblest sentiment of a human heart.

"The spear and the shield, thank God, are buried in their own rust ; naught remains to remind us of the warfare of angry passions, except the sword, and it is only worn as the emblem of the warfare of truth against error ; of virtue against vice ; of common humanity against barbarous force. It is, therefore, bright—may it ever be kept so. This is the sentiment of Knighthood, to-day ; it is the sentiment which gathers force with the march of civilization and education. The noblest Knight is he who makes allowances for the weakness of others, and when even his enemy is so weak that he is helpless, to extend to him the point of mercy. This principle is rapidly being wrought into practice, and the reports through which we have hurriedly passed all bear the impress of this nobility of nature upon them. It is pleasant to say so ; it is more pleasant to know that it is true.

"Every evidence is furnished in these reports that the spirit of Masonic chivalry is growing every year. Where one Commandery five years ago was fully equipped for duty, there are a hundred to-day. What a few years ago was a great curiosity, viz. : A Templar parade, in full uniform, is to-day a common sight, and creates no surprise. The first fear of associate bodies of Masonry, that this rapid increase of Templar Masonry would eventually encroach upon their rights, dignities and prerogatives, has disappeared before the palpable evidence that the Commandery is nothing without the Lodge, and that, so far as the heart is concerned, when it comes to a struggle to defend the Lodge, the Templar is the first to spring to the front. This is gratifying, because there should be no jealousy between those of a common blood—the heart's blood.

"This is the spirit of fraternity and love which comes like inspiration to the Correspondence Committee, as he passes through the thousands of pages of reports which have interested Knighthood throughout the United States and Europe since our last review, and we hope that that spirit may ever animate our ranks."

R. E. Sir John D. Vincil, of Columbia, was elected Grand Commander. Sir Geo. Frank Gouley re-elected Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 16 Subordinates ; 690 members ; 140 created.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual Conclave was held at Concord, September 27th, 1870. R. E. Sir Henry O. Kent, Grand Commander. Seven Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, which was principally devoted to the interests of the Order in his own jurisdiction, says:

"The official year now expiring has not been marked by startling events within our jurisdiction. I have no instances to chronicle wherein anything has occurred to mar the even tenor of our way. No new Commanderies have been asked for, nor has there been any apparent falling off in the interest which attaches to our work. The Commanderies have made steady and commendable progress, as will appear by the returns submitted, and the body of Templar Masonry within the State is in a healthy and prosperous condition."

And thus concludes:

"In closing my official existing relations with the body of Templar Masonry in New Hampshire, my earnest prayer and enduring desire is that new glories may cluster around our radiant banner, that the courteous gentlemen who uphold its honor may be long spared to wage the patient, noble warfare pertaining to their profession, and that when our earthly banners are draped in mourning for fallen comrades, the refulgent doors of that Asylum wherein the Grand Master presides, may swing wide on their welcoming hinges, to invite them to that repose wherein they shall rest from their labors forever."

The venerable Grand Secretary, Sir Horace Chase, having declined a re-election, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery, in acceding to the request of our venerable Grand Recorder, that he may be permitted to retire from the office which he has so long, so faithfully and acceptably filled, do so with a high appreciation of his valuable services, and with sincere regret that his failing health demands this action on his part; that we tender to him our thanks for his eminent services, and award to him the plaudit, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

A resolution to the effect that the Grand Commandery discountenance the use of intoxicating liquors, was adopted.

An anonymous report on Correspondence is appended to the Proceedings, reviewing the transactions of twenty-four Grand Commanderies. Our report for 1868-1869 receives attention.

The Committee says, in the commencement of its report:

"The propriety of publishing voluminous reports upon these Proceedings has been questioned quite often and with some reason, but when they are made with reference to their real purpose—when some plan has been adopted which will bring plainly to view the doctrines of our profession, and the rules of true Knightly intercourse observed—there will be very little objection to this part of our proceedings."

R. E. Sir William Barrett, of Nashua, was elected Grand Commander. Sir John A. Harris, of Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirteenth annual Conclave was held at Trenton, September 12, 1871. R. E. Sir John V. Mattison, Grand Commander. Ten subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, gives a resume of his several visitations during the year, and regrets that circumstances prevented his visiting all the Commanderies in the jurisdiction, as was his intention. Two dispensations for new Commanderies, were issued during the year.

The Grand Commandery of Maryland was formally recognised, and welcomed into the family of Grand Commanderies.

Sir Thomas J. Corson presents his usual lengthy report on Correspondence, covering eight-five pages (of good readable type). He is exceedingly elated at his having received twenty-four of the twenty-six Grand Commanderies, our own included among the number. He attempts to ridicule some of our officials, and tries hard to pick a quarrel with the Reporter. Hear what he says:

"Either from excessive modesty, (which is characteristic of the Reporters as a class), or from disinclination to mental and physical exertion, (sometimes called laziness), or from want of time, or from some other cause, Sir Miles contents himself almost entirely with making extracts from the Proceedings under his notice, and gives very little comment thereon. We regret this, for we would like to have the views of one so well qualified to speak."

Not being an obligated member of the Mutual Admiration Society, we deny the charge in toto. If we had but fifteen pages of Proceedings to compile, and filched our statistical tables from Maine, and could be relieved from multitudinous other Masonic duties, perhaps we might make a better report.

There are a multitude of good things in this report, and we are at a loss where to begin, for we have not space for the whole, and must content ourselves with his review of the Grand Encampment, the only one at hand.

"On Tuesday morning, September 19th, the Grand Encampment was opened in ample form, with solemn ceremonies, Sir William Sewall Gardner, presiding. The session continued for four days, during which time much important business was transacted, although truth compels us to say that pleasure excursions, parades and merry-makings interfered sadly with the performance of duty. We think that some means should be devised by which this great evil may be caused to cease. The representatives of a Grand Commandery have no right whatever to absent themselves from the meetings of the Grand Encampment, except on business alone, and that of the most imperative and obligatory nature, for by thus doing they fail to represent their constituents. Such malfeasance in office deserves the severest punishment. * * * * *

"The business of the session was transacted with great harmony and good feeling, each of the members seeming to appreciate the responsibility resting upon him.

"The following officers were elected:

"Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, of Louisiana, M. E. G. Master.

"James H. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, Dep. G. Master.

" Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, of Illinois, G. Generalissimo.

" Benjamin Dean, of Massachusetts, G. Captain General.

" John W. Simons, of New York, G. Treasurer.

" T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, G. Recorder.

" William W. Goodwin, of New Jersey, G. Standard Bearer.

" Charles R. Woodruff, of Kentucky, G. Sword Bearer.

" Russell S. Taft, of Vermont, G. Warder.

" The next meeting of the Grand Encampment will be held at New Orleans, on the first Tuesday in December, 1874.

" It would be churlish and unknighly in us to pass by in silence the magnificent reception—the heart-warm welcome—given to us by the valiant Knights of Baltimore; and yet we tremble in making the effort, for who can put in cold words the friendly grasp of the hand, the warm language of fraternal greeting, the silent eloquence of the eye radiant with light and love, which met us wherever we went, and proved that every heart of those Knights received us as brethren and kinsfolk. From the moment we set foot in Baltimore until our unwilling steps departed thence, nothing but kindness and fraternal love, shown by word and deed, were exhibited toward us. The whole city seemed to be given up to our use—even citizens who were not members of our Order vied with each other in their kind attentions toward us. Why, even the hotel-keepers, of whom some claim to think harshly, allowed us to sleep in their entries, their garrets, their parlors and their door-steps, and they went so far as to provide refreshment for the inner man during all hours of the day and night. This generous behavior so touched our hearts that each of us, upon leaving, deposited a slight testimonial of gratitude with these kind providers of substantial comforts. These parallellogrammatic evidences of our affection and obligation, bore upon their face the likeness of various characters not unknown to fame, such as the sainted Stanton, the translated Abraham, Washington without his hatchet, the electric Franklin, and others. Each of these testimonials bore the mysterious signature of a mythical character by the name of 'Spinner,' who is, we believe, one of the household of a distinguished character who rejoices in the cognomen of 'Uncle Sam,' whose residence is a few miles south of Baltimore, and who seems to be much respected throughout the land.

" These Baltimoreans seem to be remorseless fellows, for they fairly surfeited us with good things. We had parades and serenades, excursions and banquets, balls and entertainments, levees and matinees—why, what did we not have? Maryland Commandery, No. 1, Baltimore Commandery, No. 2, and Monumental Commandery, No. 3, kept rooms open in different parts of the city for visitors every afternoon and evening, and they were constantly crowded by the beauty and loveliness of the *elite* of Baltimore society, who shed their smiles of approval upon the Sir Knights and visitors who thronged the apartments. How many 'hops' and 'receptions' we attended, we dare not tell, lest we might be accused of having forgotten our years, and of making an effort to regain our lost youth. And there we saw the ladies of Baltimore, whose claims of person and mind the trump of fame has already widely proclaimed, and whom all must acknowledge

to be peerless. As we saw those sparkling eyes, those lovely lips wreathed in smiles almost divine, the dimples wherein resistless Cupids were enshrined, and heard the silver-sweet voices of joy and gladness, we trembled at the power of fascination to which the susceptible male youths were subjected. We feared that the fate of some of these poor fellows would be like that of Monsieur Sisera, when he was introduced to Madame Jael, at whose 'feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down; at her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell down dead.' We are told that in ancient times, the denizens of the celestial regions left their blissful abode to take to themselves wives from among the 'daughters of men,' and all we have to say about it is that if those 'daughters of men' were anywhere near equal to these 'blooming belles of Baltimore,' we don't wonder that they did it.

"While we were gazing with rapt vision on a scene of ravishing beauty at one of these evening receptions, a wretched lunatic from Missouri placed his hand on our shoulder, and whispered in our ear: 'I say, old fellow, ain't it splendid? Never saw anything like it since I was weaned. These fair ladies seem to think, with Saint Peter, that their 'adorning' should not consist in 'putting on of apparel.' Don't they look nice and cool? Eh? Are they going in to swim?' We turned to the young man, with feelings of sorrow not unmixed with anger, and sternly addressed him: 'Rash youth, are you aware that there is another person by the name of Gouley in this house?' Whereupon, Master Frank suddenly subsided, and imploringly asked: 'Where is she? Have you seen her? Has she seen me? If you meet her, tell her that I am busy at a committee meeting;' and he left. We do not know whether that committee has reported yet or not; it was the Committee on Domestic Relations.

"One of the most noteworthy features of this most majestic celebration, was the banquet given by Mary Commandery, of Philadelphia, to the officers and members of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The entertainment was held at the Maryland Institute, on Tuesday evening, September 19th, and it was perfect in all its parts, and complete as a whole. The assemblage was large and was graced by the presence of ladies, as all Masonic banquets should be. The ladies were there as guests, not as spectators, and sat down with us, right by our side—and he's a mighty poor Templar who can't get a lady to sit by his side.

"The toast to 'Woman' was responded to by Sir James H. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and we regret to say that the newspaper report does great injustice to his beautiful speech. We sat next to this 'eloquent orator of the West,' and we will endeavor to give some of the gems which fell from his inspired lips. With quaking knees and tremulous voice, he thus spoke:

"Mr. Most Eminent President, dear sisters, beloved brethren, and you other fellows:

"'Woman is an institution—she is a great institution. Without her, where would you be sir? Where would I be? Where would any other man be? From early infancy to decrepit age, woman is our guardian angel—our protector—our joy—our delight—our—oh, 'you know how it is yourself.' The learned Blackstone, whose humble disciple I am, saith of her—

Fee simple and simple fee,
 With all the fees entail,
 Are nothing when compared to thee,
 Thou best of fees, female.

(Applause.) “‘She is the source of all the wit, wisdom, eloquence and virtue which the world possesses. With her, man can accomplish miracles—without her, he is powerless. She originates ideas, we execute them. Who first started a salt mine? Why Lot’s wife, and wasn’t she a woman? Wasn’t Jael a good carpenter when she ‘nailed’ Sisera? Who can estimate her power—that mighty power to which we all so willingly yield obedience? Wasn’t Eve a woman? And didn’t she engage in the fruit business, even before she wore pant-allettes? And hasn’t Dr. Creigh proved, by ancient documents, that the first who ‘struck oil’ in the great State of Pennsylvania, were the five ‘wise virgins’ who filled their lamps before they started to attend the marriage feast? And dare we doubt that they were women? Ain’t Susan G. Anthony, and Victoria Woodhull, and Theodore Tilton, women? And ain’t they the great reformers of the age? What man in the annals of fame has ever achieved greatness unless he had a woman for a wife or a mother? *Sine femina nulla fama*, saith the classic poet.

“‘If it wasn’t for woman, who would take care of our babies? Who would starch our collars or darn our stockings? Who would tie our cravats or part our back hair? In fact, I don’t believe we could get along without her, at all, at all—do you? ‘She is a queen whose power is absolute. We are bound in captivity to her, and our slavery is so complete that we love to hug the chains that bind us; and when she punishes us, don’t we like to kiss the hand that smites us? How beautifully does the poet thus describe the influence which she exerts over the rugged nature of man:

‘O woman! in our hours of ease,
 Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
 But seen too oft, familiar with her face,
 We first endure, then pity, then embrace.’

(“Applause—cheers, waving of handkerchiefs—hi! hi! hi! and several ‘tigers.’)

“Here the orator sank exhausted to the floor. Horror-stricken we rushed to him—we shouldered his limp form and bore him to his hotel, where restoratives were applied. After consciousness had partly returned, we

Put him in his little bed,
 And smoothed the pillow for his head;
 With stifled moans and plaintive sighs,
 With clasped hands and upturned eyes,
 Thus did Sir James soliloquize:

“‘Fair is my love, so fair,
 I shudder with the sense,
 Of what a light the world would lose,
 Could she go hence.

“‘Sweet is my love so sweet,
 The leaves that fold on fold,
 Swathe up the odors of the rose,
 Less sweetness hold.

“ True is my love so true ;
 Her heart is mine alone,
 The music of its rhythmic beat
 Throbs through my own.

“ Dear is my love so dear,
 If I but hear her name,
 My eyes with tears of rapture swim,
 My cheek is flame.

“ Spare her Immortals, spare,
 Till all our days are done,—
 Your heaven is full of angel forms,
 Mine holds but one.’

“ After having disposed of poor Sir James, we returned to the banquet, but as we entered the room a horrible sight met us. There sat Sir John W. Simons, of New York, looking the very counterpart of Sir John Falstaff, but for an expression of agonizing sorrow upon his usually placid countenance. Surrounded by empty plates, and bottles whose contents had departed from earthly vision, he was keeping watch over a pyramid of ice cream, a dish of lobster salad, a plate of charlotte russe, and other edibles, and feebly crying, ‘Off, I say, off, the great State of New York will not suffer her rights to be trampled upon—if the great Lodge of *Hamburg* interferes, I’ll cut her up into sandwiches. I can’t eat any more now, but these things are mine, and no “foreign power” shall interfere.’ Poor John, although he has an appetite that a Mastodon might envy, and although his powers of imbibition would put to shame the healthiest old Bactrian camel that ever laid in a supply of liquid for a desert tramp; he had been over-matched this time. His weakness, ‘not his will,’ consented to stop. His *victual* energies were extinct, and all the powers of mastication had ceased their operation—and there the ‘miserable relic’ of his former self sat in utter despair.

“ We took our seat sadly and sorrowfully, when a sound struck our ear which seemed somewhat familiar to us. Could it be? Yes, it was even so. Sir Joseph P. Hornor, of Louisiana, was speaking *again*. With frenzied eye and frantic gesture, he was spouting away like a ‘right whale.’ We have often pitied ‘poor Robinson Crusoe’ because he could not ‘hear the sweet music of speech,’ but no one can complain of that affliction when Hornor is in the neighborhood. On the slightest provocation, Joseph is ever ready to ‘rise to explain.’ Be it funeral or wedding, installation or institution, banquet or reception, the sweet tones of his persuasive tongue can be heard. His supply of wind is so inexhaustible that when at last

‘ Silence, like a poultice comes
 To heal the blows of sound,’

we devoutly return thanks that all’s over. Fortunately the guests began to depart, the lights were turned down, and thus ended Sir Joseph’s harangue.

“ But of all the prodigious performances which took place in Baltimore during this week of miracles, the grand parade which occurred on Thursday, September 21st, was the most wonderful. The day was clear and just cool enough to make marching pleasant. The police regulations were perfect, so that the immense mass of humanity which packed the sidewalks like a lot of sardines, did not in the least degree interfere with the parade. About five thousand Knights, all in

full dress, marched through the principal streets of the city, with waving plumes and flowing banners, while the strains of music and the plaudits of the multitudes of spectators added to the glory of the grandest Masonic pageant that the world has ever seen.

"Very much more could we say of the manifold pleasures which all who visited Baltimore were permitted to enjoy, but we must check our pen, for we have already far exceeded the limits which we had prescribed for ourself. The history of the Reporters' Convention—is it not written in the book of records of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, to be seen and read of all men!

"Thus ended the eighteenth triennial session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and Templar Masonry this day occupies a higher and stronger position than it has ever heretofore held."

R. E. Sir William W. Goodwin, of Camden, was elected Grand Commander. Sir Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 12 Subordinates; 754 members; 214 created.

NEW YORK.

The fifty-seventh annual Conclave was held at Utica, October 11th, 1870. R. E. Sir Henry K. Preston, Grand Commander. Forty-one Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports "uninterrupted harmony, prosperity and peace" to have pervaded the jurisdiction throughout the year. Owing to ill health, he had been unable to make many official visits. One dispensation for a new Commandery issued.

The Grand Commander made several decisions which were approved by Grand Commandery. Among them we find the following:

"Charges need not necessarily be preferred against a candidate to whom objection is made, nor can he demand that charges be made and trial had."

We do not see how charges could be preferred against the candidate; the ballot is the only charge.

"Where more votes are cast at an election than there are members present, the election is clearly illegal, and the ballot must be taken again."

A clear case of ballot-stuffing.

"Members of a Commandery under dispensation are not required to pay dues in the warranted Commandery to which they have been attached while the dispensation is active, and they cannot vote except in the Commandery U. D."

A Commandery U. D. being a creation of the Grand Commander, has no powers but that of conferring degrees, and thus, by this decision, would be exempt from all dues.

Sir John W. Simons presented the eighteenth annual report on Correspondence, in which the transactions of twenty-five Grand Commanderies are ably reviewed.

He thus opens his masterly report:

"Peace reigns within our borders, and prosperity attends upon our labors.

Rarely, if ever, has it been given to an organization of men to reach such widespread influence, to gather within its fold so many men of differing mental temperament and habits of life, to say nothing of surrounding circumstances and diverse interests, and yet maintain so compact and united a front on all questions presented, so uniform and constant pressing forward to the objects for which the Order was founded, and for which it is upheld. We may well be satisfied to maintain the present condition of affairs, and should see to it that no pretense, however specious, lead us to endanger our present harmony by giving way to the spirit of change, or listening to the cry of reform which seems to have pervaded all conditions of society, but which, on examination, will be found to be the desire for individual aggrandizement, rather than a sincere wish to forward the real interests we have engaged to promote.

"It is an impressive thought that throughout the vast area of this favored land, thousands of Knights who have never seen each other, and who, in the natural course of events, must ever be separated in this life, wield their swords in defense of the same faith, prosecute their labors by the same methods, look to the same rewards, and are united by the same ties. It is pleasant to know that the Sir Knights of Texas, and those of Maine, could mingle with others from Minnesota and Florida, and be one undistinguished band of American Knights Templar; and we cannot too earnestly endeavor so to conduct our relations with each other that the ties we now acknowledge may be strengthened, and the individual members drawn more closely together.

"We have endeavored to be thus guided in the pages of this report, to promote the general interest; to awaken and encourage sentiments of kindness and friendship; to be the organ of the brethren in interchanging their annual greetings, and renewing the assurances of peace and good will, and thus demonstrate that our union as a national organization under the Grand Encampment of the United States is a bond that makes us outwardly invincible, and within brightens and makes more welcome the 'loving tie we feel.'"

Illinois for 1869 receives attention.

R. E. Sir George Babcock, of Troy, was elected Grand Commander; Sir Robert Macoy, of New York, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 42 subordinates; 5,212 members; 687 created.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The eighteenth (or seventy-fourth) annual Conclave was held at Harrisburg, June 13th, 1871. R. E. Sir Henry B. McKean, Grand Commander. Thirty-seven Subordinates represented.

The well written address of the Grand Commander is an interesting document to our Fraters of Pennsylvania, being a resume of his official acts during the year. He says, in conclusion:

"I congratulate you on the prosperity of the Order throughout this jurisdiction. All the Subordinate Commanderies are doing the work of the Order in a highly creditable manner. The addition of seven hundred and thirty-five Sir

Knights, who have enlisted under the Banner and Cross, shows something of the zeal and earnestness of the Sir Knights who stand ready to wield their swords in defense of the banners of our Order, under which they have enlisted. It is with gratitude I refer to the general prosperity of our noble Order. May she go on, exerting the same benign influence, until the last trumpet shall sound, and time shall be no more."

The following communication was received, read and accepted :

"*To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania :*

"Governor and Mrs. Geary tender to your honorable body a reception at the Executive Mansion at eight and a-half o'clock this (Wednesday) evening, in honor of the Order of which you are the representatives.

"EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, *June 14th, 1871.*"

The plan of organization for a Masonic Home was submitted and adopted. The first article of the Rules and Regulations states its object :

"The charity shall be called 'The Masonic Home,' and shall have for its object to provide and maintain a home for indigent, afflicted or aged Freemasons, and for the destitute widows and orphans of Freemasons in the State of Pennsylvania, and for such others as may be placed under its charge."

Sir James H. Hopkins presents a short report on Correspondence, in which he steps aside from the usual practice of Masonic reports, and presents his subject under several different headings. He thus presents his regrets :

"Entering, once more, this inner circle of a broader brotherhood, we are oppressed with the regret that we bring no contribution worthy of the occasion and of the attentive Knights. This regret is all the more keenly felt, because of the kind greeting we received, the affectionate remembrance displayed, and the too partial compliments expressed. Frequent absence from home, numerous and varied demands upon our time, hurried us on to the annual Conclave with a large budget of foreign Proceedings unexamined, and no single line of our report prepared. By the courtesy of the Grand Commandery, we were permitted to write it afterwards and print it with the Proceedings. Again the days slipped away, filled up with urgent engagements, until a longer delay would be an entire neglect of duty. And so, under whip and spur, we dash off, hoping to make the circuit of the Templar Union from Alabama to Wisconsin within the allotted time. Evidently we shall have no time to loiter among green pastures of thought, or cool shades of reflection, or bowers of poesy or fountains of wit."

R. E. Sir Chas. M. Howell, of Lancaster, was elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Alfred Creigh, of Washington, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 42 Subordinates ; 3,910 members ; 733 created.

OHIO.

The twenty-eighth annual Conclave was held at Cincinnati, September 13th, 1870. R. E. Sir Heman Ely, Grand Commander. Number of Subordinates represented not stated.

The Grand Commander's address is principally devoted to the affairs of his own jurisdiction. He reports continued prosperity throughout the entire jurisdiction. One dispensation for a new Commandery issued. With regard to the increase of membership, he says:

"Though the increase in membership during the past year has not been large in most of our Commanderies, and though some report a less number than last year, the Orders have been conferred in every Commandery from which I have received a report, and we have good reason to believe that the approaches to our Asylums are duly guarded, so that none but the good and the true are admitted therein."

We find, among the decisions approved by the Grand Commandery, the following:

"The decisions of the Grand Master of Knights Templars of the United States, when approved by the Grand Encampment, are binding on the Commanderies of this State, unless they conflict with the Statutes of this Grand Commandery."

Query.—Are the decisions of the Grand Commander of Ohio, when approved, binding only on the Subordinates when they do not conflict with the Regulations of the Subordinate Commandery?

Sir Robert Gwynn presents a short review of twenty Grand Commanderies, for which he makes the following apology:

"And now, Sir Knights, having, in a manner unsatisfactory to themselves, gone through the Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions placed in their hands, your Committee draw their labors to a close, with the assurance that they have discovered nothing in their research that in any degree tends to mar the peace and prosperity that prevails in all the jurisdictions."

"To some of the Sir Knights of this, as well as other jurisdictions, your Committee feel that they owe an apology for the very short and unsatisfactory manner in which they have discharged the duty assigned them, but they have to console them the conviction that they have the approval of the Sir Knights who last year objected so strongly to the length of their report. Having thus complied as nearly as possible with the wishes of our Fraters on both sides, by a long and short report of Proceedings, we conclude by respectfully asking to be relieved from all participation in these reports in the future."

R. E. Sir Heman Ely, of Elyria, was elected Grand Commander. Sir James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 24 Subordinates; 1,764 members; 244 created.

TENNESSEE.

The ninth annual Conclave was held at Nashville, May 9th and 10th, 1870. R. E. Sir Achilles D. Sears, Grand Commander. Eleven Subordinates represented.

A procession and competitive drill, at which a Templar's banner was presented to the Commandery exhibiting the greatest proficiency, was participated

in by five Commanderies of the jurisdiction. "Along the line, the citizens—especially the ladies—of Nashville turned out in large numbers to greet and admire the elegant appearance of the Soldiers of the Cross. Banners of the Order were exhibited at various points, and beautiful bouquets were showered on lucky and grateful recipients."

The Grand Commander, in his address, notices the death of Past Grand Commander Sir Lucius J. Polk. Recommends that the representative system between the several Grand Bodies be made perfect and complete; reports two dispensations for new Commanderies granted; questions the propriety of conferring the orders gratuitously upon clergymen; recommends the importance of adopting some system of visitation, and a change of the time of the annual Conclave. Of the present condition of the Order, he says:

"The Order is evidently increasing with reasonable rapidity in this State. I think our Commanderies are aiming to get the best men, and none but the best, to join the Order. I need not use an argument to prove that there is an adaptation in our principles to meet the wants and satisfy the desires of this class of men. We may reasonably look for an increase of our Commanderies, and also a corresponding increase in the numbers, power and influence of those already in existence."

Sir George S. Blackie presents an interesting report on the Ritual of the Order, as chairman of a Committee to inquire into the history of the Order of the Red Cross Knight, and its connection with the Orders of Christian Knighthood, which we would like to introduce here, but its great length forbids.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives from this jurisdiction to the Grand Encampment of the United States, be instructed to ask the attention of that body to this question, with a view of adopting measures to put us in accord with the Orders of Christian Knighthood in Great Britain and her dependencies."

Admitting the facts as set forth by the Committee to be true, would not the change to be made (that of transferring the Red Cross to the Chapter, now already overburdened) create confusion in the whole body of Masonry?

R. E. Sir George S. Blackie presents an able and interesting report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-two Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment of England and Ireland. We regret that our Proceedings do not reach our Fraters in Tennessee.

We quote the following from his introduction, and recommend the sentiments to your careful consideration:

"Two great dangers seem to threaten us, and against them we cannot be too watchful. The love of display and of the glitter of public parade, which in former centuries led to the suppression of our ancestors in the days of Philip the Fair, is showing itself more and more, and is bidding fair to become marked as the besetting sin of our Order. Many of our wisest leaders see this and warn the Knights against it. At home we need also to learn the lesson that glitter is often put on to hide hollow pretense, and that there are too frequent opportunities of displaying to the uninitiated eye the hallowed insignia of our Order.

While we should in no manner of means descend from the high standard which we have set up for ourselves in dress as well as in other matters, yet it is wise for us not to give occasion to the outside world to believe that we are devoted to the vanities of that world, and that all the virtue and modesty and humility which we preach we do not practice. The other danger which threatens us is intemperance. Although we are in Tennessee not particularly to be blamed for this vice, yet more than simple abstinence is required of us. A dignified and earnest protest should accompany our practice, and the errors of our brothers should be mildly but firmly checked. Let us 'keep under our bodies, and keep them in subjection.'"

R. E. Sir George S. Blackie, of Nashville, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir John Frizzell, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 12 Subordinates; 765 members; 95 created.

TEXAS.

The annual Conclave was held at Houston, June 12th, 1871. E. Sir W. G. Veal, Grand Generalissimo, presiding. Six Subordinates represented.

The R. E. Grand Commander, being detained by professional engagements, transmitted a short address, containing no official act of importance.

The Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Commanderies, which had been placed in the hands of Sir P. W. Gray, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, but no report appears in the Proceedings.

Owing to the great distance of the Subordinate Commanderies from each other, the following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"*Provided*, That an applicant for the Orders who resides more than fifty miles from any Subordinate Commandery may make his application to any Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, when, if found worthy, he may be admitted in the same manner and under the same regulations as if residing within the jurisdiction of said last named Commandery."

By resolution, the Commanders of the several Commanderies were appointed a Committee to exemplify the Ritual at each Conclave, and to practice the Tactics and Drill of the Order.

One Dispensation granted for a Commandery at Paris.

R. E. Sir A. S. Richardson was elected Grand Commander; Sir Robert Brewster, Grand Recorder; both of Houston.

Statistics: 7 Subordinates; 296 members; 51 created.

VERMONT.

The annual Conclave was held at Burlington, June 13th, 1871. R. E. Sir Russell S. Taft, Grand Commander. Seven Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

"It is with great pleasure that I say to you, all is peace; both in and out of

our jurisdiction there is nothing that tends to destroy the harmony which should always characterize the meeting of Christian Knights; and which is the direct result of the vows we each have so solemnly made. * * * * I have not been called upon to pass upon any question of jurisprudence during the whole year."

A special Conclave was held at Windsor, on the 26th day of April, for comparing the Ritual and exemplifying the work.

Sir Thaddeus F. Stewart, presents an excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty Grand Commanderies, among them our own for 1870.

We call attention to the following suggestions from his conclusion :

"The teachings of our institution, from the time the initiate passes the threshold of the Lodge, until he stands a Knight of the Temple, are all of temperance and those virtues that elevate men and make them a blessing to their race and an honor to the age in which they live.

"But these sublime teachings are forgotten, and instead of the good, the temperate and the pure minded being elevated to the highest positions of honor in our Order, the men who are noted not only for their occasional intemperance but for their drunkenness are placed in these positions and appear as leaders in our ranks, to the scandal of our cause and the injury of our institution.

"Profanity, the handmaid of intemperance, is stalking abroad, and her fearful curses are heard on every hand. This profitless vulgarity and sin has invaded our retreats, and we hear her polluted tread in the Lodge; she goes forth with the Companions to the quarries, and attends them without the Temple; while the secret vault is reeking with this soul-polluting miasma. She dares even to approach our sacred Asylum, and invade the most holy of our consecrated altars.

"It is with these foes that we must contend. Let us then, Sir Knights of Vermont, draw our swords and strike our blows for the extermination of these foes to mankind and our Order; ever remembering they must be overcome or we shall fall by their insidious attacks.

"But the evil will not stay at the fall of individual Sir Knights; even the Order is in danger. If intemperance and profanity run riot as they now run, unrebuked in our Templar ranks, the time is at hand when religious and temperance men will leave our beloved institution, that has been reared at such an expense of time and money, and allow it to fall to pieces of its own corruption."

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Commandery to the General Grand Encampment of the United States be hereby directed to present to that Body a resolution to the effect that no Commandery under its jurisdiction shall confer the Orders of the Temple upon any candidate unless he shall have previously received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a just and lawfully constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters."

R. E. Sir Russell S. Taft re-elected Grand Commander; Sir W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Recorder; both of Burlington.

Statistics: 7 Subordinates; 433 members; 35 created.

VIRGINIA.

The annual Assembly was held at Richmond, December 15th, 1870. R. E. Sir Jno. Robin McDaniel, Grand Commander. Eleven Subordinates were represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says :

"Harmony and peace prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. The Banner of the Cross has been firmly supported 'in the West,' encouraging and animating the true and courteous Knights."

This Grand Commandery, having established a Commandery in North Carolina and Florida, upon request of the Grand Master of the United States, recalled their Charters. Of his action, he says :

"My action in the premises was based upon the facts that this Grand Commandery had, since the action referred to, returned to its allegiance to the Grand Encampment, and its constitution, adopted in 1866, made to conform to the requirements of that Supreme Body.

"The Grand Encampment claims the allegiance direct of all the Territories and States in which Grand Commanderies have not been established by the authority thereof.

"The records of the Grand Encampment show that both North Carolina and Florida had been occupied by authority of that body ; the first as early as 1821, and the latter in 1851. Under these circumstances, and with these facts before me, my duty was plain, 'to obey the rules, resolutions, and edicts of the Supreme Body,' or the legal mandates of its officers, from which duty I had no power to absolve myself."

The Grand Commander made the following decisions :

"The avouchment of two Knights Templar to the fact that an applicant for the Orders is an affiliated Royal Arch Mason, is quite sufficient, but it is competent for a Commandery to require also a certificate from his Chapter.

"There is no authority for conferring the Orders of Knighthood as an Honorarium, free of charge.

"All members are chargeable with dues, and to be equally assessed ; none can be exempted ; but arrearages may be remitted for inability to pay.

"Petitions for the Orders, or for affiliation, can only be presented to, or be acted on, by a regular assembly.

"No Subordinate can decide cases of emergency."

He thus announces the death of Past Grand Commander Sir Charles A. Grice :

"Our beloved and venerated Companion, Sir Charles A. Grice, Past Grand Commander, was, on the — day of — last, summoned hence. His labors have been long and useful as a Knight Templar, and as an exemplary member of the church. He served as Grand Commander in the years 1838 and 1839, and again from 1845 to 1854, inclusive. In all his relations of life — as a citizen, as a Knight, and as a Christian — his duties were faithfully performed. Those who were most intimately connected with him, and having daily intercourse, testify that during his long life, in private walks as well as public positions, he exempli-

fied all the virtues of an honest man and upright citizen ; and illustrated, both in prosperity and adversity, a chivalrous devotion to our magnanimous Order. It may be truly said of him, that he was prepared for the summons. Death had no terrors to him. He had valiantly fought the good fight, and, without dread or fear, he laid down his shield and buckler, and met the messenger, and with a well-inspired confidence, he obeyed. His warfare is over, and whilst the tears of afflicted and sorrowing friends and brothers mingle with fraternal sympathy over a *Templar Grave*, our brother is at '*Rest*.'"

The Committee on Separation from the Grand Encampment make a long and interesting report, giving a history of Templar Masonry from its origin, in 1812, from which they have drawn the following inferences :

"1. That the Grand Commandery has been and is now unwillingly held as one of the members under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and would cordially rejoice at her permanent separation therefrom, in peace, recognition, and good will ; but not otherwise.

"2. That this Grand Commandery has ever held, and, with more firmness, now holds to the declaration that the Grand Encampment is not only useless, but may be an oppressive and dangerous body ; and that her acts—1st, In requiring St. John's Rising Star Commandery to take out and pay for a charter of constitution, when the said Commandery had existence prior to the Encampment, and had a Lodge Warrant for its authority. 2d, In chartering a Commandery at Wheeling, in this jurisdiction, without our knowledge or consent, and without requiring the recommendation of the nearest Commandery, thereby taking money which should have found its way into our treasury. 3d, Putting the names of three Commanderies in this jurisdiction—working under a warrant from this Grand Commandery—upon her register, without their knowledge or ours, and trying, condemning, and publishing them as 'faithless,' without giving them notice of the charge against them, and therefore without giving them a hearing, and under a law made for the case, and executed the moment of its making. 4th, Putting the ban of non-intercourse upon the members of this Grand Commandery, and all who recognized them, for not acknowledging her supremacy. 5th, Her denying, in her Constitution, the Masonic right of three Commanderies, by delegates, to organize a Grand Commandery without her consent, which she may withhold to any extent. 6th, Her doing homage, as a Body, in full array, to a military chieftain in no way connected with this or the Masonic Order. Her acts, these and others, indicate the character of a Body regardless of the rights of others, whom they can cripple by the authority of power ; and declare the danger of the influence she may, and probably will exert, when her present numbers shall be swollen by the immense host which will have flocked to her standards when this mighty country shall have become fully populated—in trampling under foot the rights of Subordinates and the privileges of the Templar, and in perverting the Order to any purpose, however low and unmasonic and unknighly, which she may believe will advance her own interests, or cripple those of one whom she desires to degrade.

"3. That this Grand Commandery will not be at rest and contented in her

assigned sphere, and be of that use and influence in the great Templar field, of which it is capable and which it should have, until this subject of permanent separation from the Grand Encampment—now having been agitated for nearly fifty years—shall be settled, either by our obtaining our oft-expressed desire, or by the clear, *Medo-Persian* decision of the Grand Encampment that it shall not be.”

They therefore offer the following preamble and resolutions :

“WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Virginia has, from the very beginning of her existence to the present time, been, in principle, strongly opposed to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and to every and any other supreme Masonic or Knightly Body having superior power to State organizations ; and for a great portion of the time has been and now is unwillingly a member of said Grand Encampment, and has often expressed her desire, by act and resolution, for a permanent, peaceful separation therefrom ; and whereas such separation can be had only in one of three ways : 1st, By the dissolution of that Grand Body ; 2d, By violent separation or rebellion against constituted authority ; and, 3d, By her allowing us to withdraw in peace, honor, and recognition ; and whereas, the first of these means is in the distant future, and, perhaps, improbable at any time ; and the second is fraught with immense inconvenience and great sacrifice in isolation, non-intercourse, malice, and ill will, and would not be advisable for us to use, unless her assumption of power and acts of aggression should be too oppressive for peaceful endurance ; and the third is the only proper and legal means of gaining our desire, and the only feasible plan to be tried or recommended ; and which, notwithstanding the repeated orders and requests of this Grand Commandery to her delegates to the Grand Encampment, has not been truly and fairly tried, as her records clearly show ; and whereas, it is important to our peace at home and usefulness abroad, that the oft-expressed desire of permanent separation be gratified, or subjected, and at rest, until some cause should arise, of sufficient oppression or injustice, to warrant open rebellion : therefore,

“1. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Commandery to memorialize the Grand Encampment at its next Assembly, in Baltimore, in 1871, most respectfully asking that Body to allow this Grand Commandery, in peace, in honor, and in recognition, to withdraw therefrom, and become a free, sovereign, and independent Grand Encampment. And said committee shall be hereby instructed to attend that Assembly and, if allowed, to urge our petition ; and, if said petition be granted, to aid in drawing up the plan of mutual relation, power, and extent.

“2. That it is the duty of the members of this Grand Commandery, who are, ex-officio, members of the Grand Encampment, to attend its stated Assemblies, and to take such part in the work of that Body as, in their judgment, the interests of Templarism in general, or those of this Grand Commandery in particular, may require, and which they may be able to render.

“3. That should the Grand Encampment refuse or decline to accede to our request, we shall, nevertheless, ever feel free to hold and declare that Ancient Craft Masonry is, according to the old Constitutions, the real source of all

authority for conferring the Orders of Knighthood, and of allowing the formation of Commanderies to regulate its Ritual and control its members in reference to its own laws and principles; and that no department of Knighthood has the right to pass any law, or establish any custom, or exercise any authority, or establish any jurisdictional claims, inconsistent or in conflict with those of common Masonic law and usage. And while we will be true to the vows of our position, however assigned, yet we shall ever maintain that the origin of the Grand Encampment, her claims to control the organization of State Grand Commanderies, and some portions of her so-called Constitution, are unmasonic, and that the existence of such a body is fraught with danger to the true aim and principles of Masonic Knighthood.

"4. That while we will keep our desire for independence, if not granted, in due bounds, we will ever stand ready and willing to unite with sister State Commanderies, when they shall be in sufficient number to command a hearing, in forcing, so far as we can in a courteous and Knightly manner, the Grand Encampment to allow a peaceful and honorable withdrawal to such Grand Commanderies as desire to maintain a separate existence.

"5. That our proper official delegates to the Grand Encampment of 1871 be authorized, should they have reason to believe our new Masonic Temple will be completed in time, and should otherwise deem it advisable, to invite that Grand Body to hold its session of 1874 in the city of Richmond.

"6. That it is advisable to appoint a Historiographer to this Grand Commandery, whose duty it shall be to collect, arrange, preserve, and embody the written and printed memorials bearing upon the history of Templarism in this State, and of this Grand Commandery, to serve as materials for the future historian; or to write out the history thereof, and report from time to time, as shall, by the Grand Commandery, be deemed advisable."

We trust that years may elapse before this subject of separation shall be again brought forth by this Grand Commandery, but that she may long remain to strengthen us with her advice and counsel.

Sir John A. Scott presents an excellent report on Correspondence, in which he courteously reviews the Transactions of twenty-two Grand Commanderies, among which we are glad to find our own for 1869.

R. E. Sir John Robin McDaniel, of Lynchburg, was re-elected Grand Commander. E. Sir John Dove, of Richmond, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 12 Subordinates; 681 members; 36 created.

WISCONSIN.

The twelfth annual Conclave was held at Milwaukee, January 18th, 1871. R. E. Sir Wm. H. Hiner, Grand Commander. Ten Commanderies represented. Three of them U. D.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports his official acts as not numerous. Being unable to make the annual visitations himself, he had appointed the V. E. Deputy, who was prepared to report.

The report of the Deputy is a long and interesting resume of his several visitations, closing with a lengthy address. He thus speaks of his visit to one Commandery:

"I repaired thither at the time appointed, and was very courteously received by *five*! Sir Knights, including the Eminent Commander and Recorder. After waiting till nine o'clock at the Asylum, and none others appearing, we went away. I had a very pleasant interview with the Sir Knights present; but, for the purpose I went there to accomplish, my journey thither was a decided failure.

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"I think the loyal Sir Knights of that Commandery, who are struggling to keep their *heads above water*, would succeed much better if they did *not fold their hands*. They will never get rid of their nightmare without exercise. They should be *on hand*, 'instant in season and out of season.' They certainly cannot keep up their interest in the Order, nor maintain their organization, by absenting themselves from the meetings; nor is such negligence the best method of cultivating the fellowship of their brethren, or retaining their friendship.

"I went there as the Representative of the Grand Commander, to perform the duties required by the Statutes of the Grand Commandery; and I certainly think a decent respect to the authority of this Grand Body should have brought together a *quorum* of the Commandery."

Sir John Turner presents an excellent report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-three Grand Commanderies, among them Illinois for 1869.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That any Sir Knight created in this jurisdiction, after the passage of this resolution, who shall fail to uniform and equip himself within six months from the date of his being created a Knight Templar, shall be excluded from voting or holding office in any Commandery under this jurisdiction, until he shall so equip himself; and it is hereby made the duty of all E. Commanders in this State to see that this resolution is strictly enforced."

R. E. Sir A. V. H. Carpenter, of Milwaukee, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir Wm. T. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 10 Subordinates; 653 members; 43 created.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Sir Knights, another year has been added to the past, and our labors are ended. We are fully aware of the many defects in our report of the twenty-seven Grand Commanderies here brought up in review, but such as it is we present it to you, trusting in your charity to cover up its short-coming. All the Grand Commanderies have responded to our call, and all are here with us to-day. Another is added to our family since last we met, and to her we give a Knightly greeting. We again extend to you our congratulations at the success and prosperity of our noble Order, both in our own and other jurisdictions, and rejoice that many good men and true are enlisting under our glorious banner. May the numbers of the worthy never grow less.

We are glad to note that in the several jurisdictions much more regard is being paid to moral worth than formerly. Especially are those vices, intemperance and profanity, receiving merited rebuke; and may it be thus until they be entirely banished from the Order.

To the corps reportorial, with whom we have passed many pleasant hours, and from whose words of counsel we have received much encouragement, we say good-bye, hoping that when another twelve months shall have passed we may all meet again.

We present our usual table of statistics, compiled from the several reports, from which it will be seen that, as nearly as we can figure it, the twenty-seven Grand Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, have a membership of 31,138, of which 4,403 have taken vows the past year.

All of which is courteously submitted.

JAMES H. MILES,

For the Committee.



1870. 1871.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF GRAND COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

STATES.	Time and Place of last Conclave.	Time and Place of next Conclave.	Gr. Commander.	Residence.	Grand Recorder.	Residence.	Subordinates.	Knights Created.	Members.
1 Alabama	Mobile, Dec. 12, 1870.....	Marion, Feb. 5, 1872.....	Abram J. Walker.	Montgomery.	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.	9	18	235
2 California	San Francisco, Apr. 14, 71.....	San Francisco, Apr. 12, 72.....	Frederick F. Barsz.	Placerville	Chas. L. Wiggins.....	S. Francisco	10	47	490
3 Connecticut	Meriden, March 21, 1871.....	San Francisco, Apr. 12, 72.....	Wm. W. Storey.....	Norwalk	John W. Stedman.....	Norwich	10	97	1,228
4 Georgia	Atlanta, May 24, 1871.....	Americus, May 22, 1872.....	Geo. S. Obeart.....	Macon	C. R. Armstrong.....	Macon	8	45	361
5 Illinois	Chicago, Oct. 24, 1871.....	Chicago, Oct. 22, 1872.....	Wiley M. Egan.....	Chicago	James H. Miles.....	Chicago	40	415	2,530
6 Indiana	Indianapolis, April 4, 1871.....	Indianapolis, April 2, 1872.....	E. G. Hamilton.....	Laporte	Ino. M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis	20	195	1,086
7 Iowa	Clinton, Oct. 18, 1870.....	Council Bluffs, Oct. 14, 71.....	R. F. Bower.....	Keokuk	Wm. B. Langridge.....	Muscatine	20	149	720
8 Kansas	Atchison, Oct. 17, 1870.....	Council Bluffs, Oct. 14, 71.....	Wm. O. Gould.....	Leavenworth	Erasmus T. Carr.....	Leavenworth	5	23	136
9 Kentucky	Mt. Sterling, July 12, 1871.....	Frankfort, July 10, 1872.....	John A. Stevenson.....	Maysville	Wm. C. Munger.....	Franklin	11	60	587
10 Louisiana	New Orleans, Feb. 17, 71.....	New Orleans, Feb. 16, 72.....	Henry H. Dickey.....	New Orleans.....	Gustavus Sontag.....	New Orleans	3	16	253
11 Maine	Portland, May 3, 1871.....	Baltimore, May 15, 1872.....	John A. Stevenson.....	Lewiston	Ira Berry.....	Portland	11	124	1,117
12 Maryland	Baltimore, May 10, 1871.....	Baltimore, May 15, 1872.....	Benj. Dean.....	Towson town	Frank J. Kugler.....	Baltimore	5	27	432
13 Massachusetts	Boston, Oct. 28, 1870.....	Boston, Oct. 28, 1871.....	Chas. H. Mann.....	Boston	A. F. Chapman.....	Boston	31	478	3,818
14 Michigan	Detroit, June 6, 1871.....	Detroit, June 4, 1872.....	Iring M. Smith.....	East Saginaw	Wm. P. Innes.....	Gr. Rapids	28	250	1,677
15 Minnesota	Rochester, June 24, 1870.....	Detroit, June 4, 1872.....	Geo. L. Otis.....	St. Paul	Geo. A. Savory.....	Minneapolis	6	54	380
16 Mississippi	Vicksburg, Jan. 21, 1872.....	Holly Springs, Jan. 21, 72.....	Wm. S. Patton.....	Meridian	J. L. Power.....	Jackson	8	40	214
17 Missouri	St. Louis, Oct. 4, 1870.....	St. Louis, Oct. 8, 1871.....	Wm. D. Vincil.....	Columbia	Geo. F. Gouley.....	St. Louis	16	140	600
18 N. Hampshire	Concord, Sept. 27, 1870.....	Trenton, Sept. 11, 1872.....	Wm. Barrett.....	Nashua	John A. Harris.....	Concord	9	58	781
19 New Jersey	Trenton, Sept. 12, 1871.....	Trenton, Sept. 11, 1872.....	Wm. W. Goodwin.....	Camden	Thomas J. Corson.....	Trenton	12	214	754
20 New York	Utica, Oct. 11, 1870.....	Albany, Oct. 10, 1871.....	Geo. Babcock.....	Troy	Robert Macy.....	New York	42	687	5,212
21 Ohio	Cincinnati, Sept. 13, 1870.....	Sandusky, Sept. 26, 1871.....	Heman Ely.....	Elyria	Jas. Nesbitt.....	Troy	24	244	1,764
22 Pennsylvania	Harrisburg, June 13, 1871.....	Nashville, May 14, 1872.....	Chas. M. Howell.....	Lancaster	John Frizzell.....	Philadelphia	41	733	3,910
23 Tennessee	Nashville, May 9, 1871.....	Nashville, May 14, 1872.....	Geo. S. Blackie.....	Nashville	John Frizzell.....	Nashville	12	95	601
24 Texas	Houston, June 12, 1871.....	Houston, June 10, 1872.....	A. S. Richardson.....	Houston	Robert Brewster.....	Houston	7	51	206
25 Vermont	Burlington, June 13, 1871.....	Houston, June 10, 1872.....	Russell Taft.....	Burlington	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington	7	35	433
26 Virginia	Richmond, Dec. 15, 1870.....	Richmond, Dec. 15, 1870.....	John R. McDaniel.....	Lynchburg	John Dove.....	Richmond	12	36	681
27 Wisconsin	Milwaukee, Jan. 18, 1871.....	Milwaukee, Jan. 17, 1872.....	A. V. H. Carpenter.....	Milwaukee	Wm. T. Palmer.....	Milwaukee	10	43	653
Total.....							417	4,493	31,138

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted :

REPORT — TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution introduced by Sir Knight Samuel C. Stearns, having had the same under consideration, would beg leave to report : That the law being so clearly defined, we recommend the adoption of the resolution.

All of which is courteously submitted.

WILEY M. EGAN,
For the Committee.

V. E. Sir Daniel Dustin offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be, and he is hereby, authorized to pledge the faith of the Grand Commandery to raise a sufficient fund to meet the appropriations contemplated by the resolutions offered by E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds.

E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley offered the following resolution, which, being put to vote, was lost ; viz. :

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder are hereby appointed a Committee on Printing, and are directed to issue circulars to receive proposals to print the Proceedings of this Grand Conclave, and that the same be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointment of the following Committees :

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.—R. E. Sirs John M. Pearson, Charles E. Munger, and Jerome R. Gorin.

Committee on Correspondence.—E. Sirs James H. Miles, Harman G. Reynolds, and William S. Pease.

Inspector General.—E. Sir Charles H. Brower.

E. Sir James A. Hawley offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted ; viz. :

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of three Sir Knights, of which the R. E. Grand Commander shall be chairman, be appointed to receive and disburse such contributions as shall be made by Grand or Subordinate Commanderies and Knights Templar for the relief of the Sir Knights of Chicago and their families ; and that the Grand Recorder be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to

the Grand Commanderies of the United States, and to the Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the Grand Treasurer, Sir Robert H. Foss, and the Grand Recorder, Sir James H. Miles, as the Committee under the above resolution.



The R. E. Grand Commandery of Illinois was then closed in Ample and Knightly Form, to meet in the city of Chicago, on Tuesday, the 22d day of October, A. D. 1872, A. O. 754, at 10 o'clock A. M.



J. M. Egan

Grand Commander.

ATTEST:



James H. Miles

Grand Recorder.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

SECTION 1. This Grand Commandery shall be known and styled as the **GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**. It being the highest source of the **ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**, as conferred in **Commanderies of Knights Templar** in Illinois, claims and enjoys of right, the government and superintendence of all **Commanderies of Knights Templar** within this jurisdiction. It may, therefore, grant warrants and dispensations for holding **Commanderies of Knights Templar**, together with the appendant **ORDERS**, and when expedient, revoke and amend the same. It may make laws, pass regulations, and at pleasure repeal, amend and alter the same. It may censure, suspend and expel **Commanderies**, or members of this **Grand Commandery**, for violation and disobedience of its laws, rules, and regulations.

OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. This Grand Commandery shall consist of a

1. Grand Commander,
2. Deputy Grand Commander,
3. Grand Generalissimo,
4. Grand Captain General,
5. Grand Prelate,
6. Grand Senior Warden,
7. Grand Junior Warden,
8. Grand Treasurer,
9. Grand Recorder,
10. Grand Standard Bearer,
11. Grand Sword Bearer,
12. Grand Warder,
13. Grand Captain of the Guards; also,
14. All Past Grand Commanders,
15. All Past Deputy Grand Commanders,
16. All Past Grand Generalissimos,
17. All Past Grand Captains General of this Grand Commandery, together with
18. The Commanders,

19. The Generalissimos,

20. The Captains General, and

21. All Past Commanders of the several Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, so long as such Past Grand and Subordinate Officers shall remain members of any subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction. Each of the individuals above enumerated shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of this Grand Commandery; and no person shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Commandery, unless he shall be, at the same time, a member of some subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction.

OF PROXIES.

SEC. 3. Every officer specified in the foregoing, save and except Past Commanders, may appear and vote by proxy, said proxy being, at the time of service, a member of the same subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

OF TITLES.

SEC. 4. The title and designation of the Grand Commander is RIGHT EMINENT; that of the Deputy Grand Commander, VERY EMINENT; of the remaining Officers of this Grand Commandery, EMINENT.

OF CONCLAVES.

SEC. 5. The stated Conclaves of this Grand Commandery shall be held annually in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, on the fourth Tuesday of October, in each and every year. The Grand Commander shall have power to call special Conclaves at such time and place as he may see fit. At every stated Conclave the Officers enumerated in Section 2 shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall be elected and installed. No Sir Knight shall be eligible to either of the first four offices of this Grand Commandery, unless he has been regularly installed as Commander of a subordinate Commandery. At every stated Conclave of this Grand Commandery, the official reports of officers, and of the subordinate Commanderies under its jurisdiction, shall be received and considered; and such business transacted as the welfare of the Order may demand. At special Conclaves no business shall be transacted except that specified in the original summons. At every Conclave all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander.

OF THE GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Grand Commander to attend and preside over all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, to preserve order, and see that the constituted enactments, rules and edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of this Grand Commandery, are duly and properly observed. He

may visit and preside over any Commandery in his jurisdiction, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the ancient landmarks and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The Grand Commander shall be invested with such powers and discharge such duties as may be required by the ritual and ceremonies of the Order.

• OF THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 7. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery.

OF THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

SEC. 8. The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General, in the absence of their respective superiors, shall severally act as Grand Commander, according to their rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the Grand Commander and the regulations of the Order.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all property belonging to the Grand Commandery, and to receive all moneys from the Grand Recorder, giving his receipt therefor. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Grand Commandery, and shall, at each annual Conclave, render an account of his receipts and disbursements.

OF THE GRAND RECORDER.]

SEC. 10. The Grand Recorder shall attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, and keep a faithful record of all proceedings proper to be written. He shall transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, copies of all the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, and the roll of the Grand Officers. He shall record the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and all Charters and Dispensations issued by its authority, in books kept for that purpose. He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Commandery, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall receive and examine the returns of subordinate Commanderies, and make settlement with their representatives. He shall, at each annual Conclave, make a full report of his accounts, and also of the failure of any subordinate Commandery to make returns or pay their dues. He shall keep the seal of the Grand Commandery, and affix it to all documents which may require it, and shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Grand Commandery.

OF THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. The duties of the remaining officers shall be such as are appropriate to their respective stations, or may be assigned to them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

OF DISPENSATIONS FOR COMMANDERIES.*

SEC. 12. The Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander, severally, shall have power, during the recess of this Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective hand and private seals, to a competent number of Knights Templar (not less than nine) residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, and possessing constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar, and confer the usual ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, such Dispensations to continue no longer than the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, when said Dispensations may be continued or recalled, or a Charter granted, upon a report of the Officers of the new Commandery of their acts under the Dispensation. No Dispensation shall be issued for a new Commandery, unless the petition therefor is recommended by the Commandery nearest to the place where said new Commandery is to be located.

OF FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 13. There shall be paid into the Treasury of the Grand Commandery, for every Dispensation to form and open a new Commandery, the sum of Ninety Dollars, and to the Grand Recorder, for every Charter issued, the additional sum of Ten Dollars, which shall be his perquisite. Every subordinate Commandery, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, shall pay to the same Two Dollars for every Knight Templar created in said Commandery; and for every member, (except those created during the year) One Dollar annually, which sum shall be paid at or before each Annual Conclave.

OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

SEC. 14. Each Grand Officer, together with one Representative, the highest in rank of each subordinate Commandery, and also the chairman of each of the Committees on Jurisprudence and Foreign Correspondence, shall be paid out of the funds in the Grand Treasury, Two Dollars for each day's attendance on the session of the Grand Commandery, and the further sum of Five Cents for each and every mile traveled going to and returning from the Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the distance to be computed by the nearest traveled route. No Sir Knight shall be allowed to draw mileage or per diem allowance, both as Grand Officer, Representative, or member of the above Committee, at the same Conclave; nor shall he draw pay as Representative for more than one Commandery at one and the same time.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1. All regular assemblies of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR are called Commanderies, and are composed of a

Commander (whose title is Eminent),
Generalissimo,
Captain General,
Prelate,
Senior Warden,
Junior Warden,
Treasurer,
Recorder,
Standard Bearer,
Sword Bearer,
Warder,
Captain of the Guards,

And as many members as may be found convenient.

FEES AND QUALIFICATIONS.

SEC. 2. No Commandery shall confer the ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD for a less sum than Forty Dollars, nor upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The rule of succession in conferring the ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, shall be as follows: Knight of the Red Cross; Knight Templar; and Knight of Malta.

AUTHORITY.

SEC. 3. Every Commandery shall have a Warrant or Dispensation from the Grand Commandery, or from one of the first two Grand Officers; and no Commandery that may hereafter be formed and opened, shall be deemed legal without such Warrant or Dispensation; and communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Commandery in this jurisdiction, or any member, or either of them, and any Commandery that may be so formed, opened or holden, without such Warrant or Dispensation, or any or either of their members, or any person introduced into such illegal assembly.

THE COMMANDER.

SEC. 4. The Commander of every Commandery has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts and reports rendered; that returns are made to the Grand Recorder of elections

of officers; that the regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He has authority to call special meetings at pleasure; and it is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, either in person or by proxy. No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

IRREGULAR WORK.

SEC. 5. It shall not be deemed regular for any Commandery to confer the ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD upon any sojourner whose fixed place of abode is within any State in which there is a Commandery regularly established; and in case any Commandery shall confer the said honors contrary to this section, such Commandery shall, on demand, pay to the Commandery situated next the fixed abode of the candidate, the whole amount of fees received for his admission. Neither shall it be regular for any subordinate Commandery to confer said Orders upon any one living nearer to any other Commandery under this jurisdiction, without special leave first given, under the penalty aforesaid.

PETITIONS.

SEC. 6. Every petition to a Commandery for the ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, and for membership, shall be in writing, and *give the Masonic affiliation, the residence, date of birth, and birthplace of the applicant*, over his full signature. Such petition must be presented and entered on the records, at a regular assembly, and be referred to a committee to be reported on at a subsequent regular assembly; *Provided*, that in case of emergency (the applicant being well known) the Commandery may dispense with the requirement as to time.

SEALS.

SEC. 7. Every Commandery shall have a Seal, giving the name and number thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE III.

REGULATIONS.

OPENING.

SEC. 1. The Grand Commandery shall be opened in ample or due form at the time appointed for each Conclave, immediately after which the proceedings of the last session shall be read, unless dispensed with, and at the resumption of business, at each successive sitting, the minutes shall in like manner be read.

OF COMMITTEES.

SEC. 2. After the minutes are approved, it shall be the duty of the Grand Commander to appoint three Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery,

1. A Committee on Credentials.

SEC. 3. Pending the preparations of the report of the COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, the Grand Commander may read his annual Address, and the Reports of the several Grand Officers may be made. And so soon as such Committee have made their report, and the same is approved, the R. E. Grand Commander shall appoint three Sir Knights (all Committees appointed being members of this Grand Commandery) on each of the following Standing Committees:

2. A Committee on Visitors.
3. A Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.
4. A Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
5. A Committee on Finance and Accounts.
6. A Committee on Grievances.
7. A Committee on Unfinished Business.
8. A Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

To such Committees all subjects may be referred that the Grand Commandery deem proper, and they shall make due report thereon.

The Grand Commander shall also appoint all other Committees raised for the transaction of the business of the Grand Commandery, that may not be appointed by resolution of the same.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander shall, immediately after installation, appoint,

9. A Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
10. A Committee on Jurisprudence.

Such Committees to make report at as early a period during the next session as may be practicable.

VOW OF OFFICE.

SEC. 5. The Officers of this Grand Commandery and of every subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following obligation, viz.:

I, —, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and the STATUTES AND REGULATIONS of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 6. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary to alter or amend these Statutes and Regulations, the same shall be done as follows: the Grand Commandery in Conclave, may propose any alterations or amendments, and reduce them to form, the consideration of which shall lie over until the next annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery; and if then voted for by a majority of the members present, they shall become a part of these Statutes and Regulations.

RITUAL

For the Use of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, at the Installation of its Grand Officers.

When about to proceed to the ceremony of installation, the acting Grand Commander will select some competent Sir Knight to officiate as Grand Marshal, under whose directions the officers elect will retire to the ante-room. The altar will then be placed immediately in front of the presiding officer, and the jewels of office will be placed upon it. The Grand Commander will then direct the Grand Marshal to introduce the Grand Officers elect, and display them by single line facing the East, in order of seniority, G. C. on the right and G. W. on the left. Which having been accomplished, the Grand Marshal, addressing the presiding officer, will say:

R. E. Grand Commander: I here present before you these Eminent Sir Knights, who, having been duly elected to preside over and conduct the business of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year, now declare themselves ready to enter upon the duties of their several stations.

The Grand Commander will then arise, call up the Grand Commandery, and address the officers elect in these words:

E. Sir Knights: Before proceeding to invest you with the honors and responsibilities of your several offices, it becomes my duty to administer to you the obligation of office. Do you severally consent to take upon yourselves that obligation?

They bow in token of assent. The Grand Marshal will then cause each Sir Knight in the line of officers elect occupying the odd number from the right of the line to draw his sword, dropping it to the left to a horizontal position. The Sir Knight on his left will lay his left hand upon the sword, then each place his right hand upon his left breast, and repeat after the Grand Commander, the following

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I, —, do solemnly promise and vow, that I will maintain and support the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, and that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected.

The Grand Marshal will then conduct the Grand Commander elect to a position in front of the altar, and, addressing the presiding officer, will say:

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The presiding officer will then say :

Attention, Sir Knights. Uncover. Let us unite with Sir Knight our Prelate in an invocation to the Throne of Grace.

The Prelate will pronounce the following or some other appropriate

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, Source of light and life, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift ; thou who wast aforetime, art now, and ever shall be, world without end. We approach thy Holy presence with deep humility, acknowledging our manifold transgressions, and supplicating a continuance of that tender mercy which has preserved us from the dangers that surround our walk through life.

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Be pleased, out of thine infinite mercy, to look upon and bless these thy servants who are about to be invested with power to rule over and govern our Order, incline their hearts to follow after thee ; endue them with wisdom, with fortitude, with constancy and with courage, to maintain the precepts of thy holy religion, causing their good works so to shine before men that others, seeing them, may bless thy Holy name.

Be with each of us here assembled, guide us in all our acts, mercifully forgive our many sins, and teach us so to bear the cross, that we may finally merit the Crown of Eternal Life, through the merits of our Divine and Ascended Saviour.

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office are accompanied by weighty responsibilities. While, in all things pertaining to your command, your authority will at all times be respected and your orders cheerfully obeyed, yet it is expected that you will not only have a watchful care over the interests of the Order in your jurisdiction, and enforce a prompt obedience to its rules and regulations; but, that you will feel called upon to exemplify in your daily walk and conversation the excellent tenets of our profession; that your ears will never be closed to the cry of the widow and the orphan, and that you will not turn aside from injured innocence, and the wayfaring brother in distress. Maintain with unfailing care the Statutes and Regulations, and in your respect for law, cause all others to find the strongest incentive to obedience of all your lawful commands.

Be pleased, R. E. Sir, to approach the East.

Attention, Sir Knights:

Salute your Grand Commander. H. S.; D. S.; P. S.

Recover.

The presiding officer will now take from his neck the Patriarchal Cross, and, holding it in his hand, continue in these words:

And now, R. E. Sir Knight, there remains to me the pleasing duty of placing in your official custody this special insignia of the dignified position, upon the duties of which you are about to enter. Around it cluster the thronging memories of our country's history—for it is, as you know, a portion of the renowned Charter Oak—the associations of our own history as a Grand Commandery, and the fraternal ties that bind you as with a threefold cord to your predecessors in command—some of whom are still spared to us to assist in the gratifying ceremony of this investiture; but above all, as the symbol of that faith which, as a Templar, you have vowed to uphold—as the emblem of that sacrifice made by the Great Captain of our salvation, that we might live—as the sign by which we conquer, its value is beyond expression. Receive it then, Sir Knight (*placing it on his neck*), as a sacred trust. And, as you look upon it, may you, if possible, be moved to greater loyalty to your country and to the indivisible union of all its parts; to a more zealous devotion to the important duties of your station, and to a firmer and more exalted faith in the sublime doctrines of the religion of Immanuel.

The Grand Commandery will now be seated, and should the new Grand Commander desire to offer any remarks, this is the appropriate time. At their conclusion, the Grand Marshal will present the remaining Grand Officers for installation, which may be done by the Grand Commander in person, or he may waive his right in favor of the Sir Knight previously officiating. In either case the following charges will be delivered:

CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

V. E. Sir: The duties of the important station to which you have been elected are of such a nature as to require the application of your utmost skill, a complete knowledge of the Ritual and of the Statutes and Regulations governing this Grand Commandery; for you are the immediate representative of the Grand

Commander, and in case of unforeseen casualty to him—which God forbid—you are to enter upon his functions and assume his responsibilities. The elevated position you are thus called to undertake, demands a corresponding zeal and devotion on your part, which I doubt not, you will ever be found ready to exercise. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, and will only remind you, in conclusion, that you are henceforward on duty, and that the faithful soldier and valiant Knight sleep not at their posts.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO. •

E. Sir: Having been elected to the important station of Grand Generalissimo, I take great pleasure in completing that ceremony by investing you with the appropriate jewel of your office. Your station is on the right of the Deputy Grand Commander, and the exercise of all your talents and zeal will be necessary in the discharge of your various duties. In the absence of your superior officers, the command will devolve upon you. I charge you, therefore, to be faithful to your associates; put them often in remembrance of those things which tend to their everlasting peace; be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine, ever remembering the promise, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

E. Sir: The office of Grand Captain General, to which you have been elected, is one of the most important in the gift of the Grand Commandery, and I trust that in investing you with the jewel of your office, I also remind you how necessary it is that you should apply yourself with all diligence to the duties that devolve upon you.

Your station is on the left of the Grand Commander, and you are to assist him and your associate officers in council, and in their absence to govern the Grand Commandery. You are to have in charge the Grand Asylum, and see that it is in suitable array for the dispatch of business. Improve your opportunities in extending knightly courtesy and hospitality to all true and faithful Knights, and in the preservation of harmony within the bounds of our jurisdiction. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; continuing fervent in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving; ever bearing in mind the promise, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

CHARGE TO THE GRAND PRELATE.

E. Sir: To your lot has fallen the sacred duties of the office of Grand Prelate, and in discharge of my duty I invest you with the appropriate jewel thereof. Your station will be on the right of the Grand Generalissimo, and your duty there to attend to the religious duties, as well of our Grand Conclaves as of our public ceremonials. The duties of your office are very interesting and highly important, and will require your punctual attendance at every meeting; and may

He who is able, abundantly furnish you for every good work, preserve you from falling into error—improve, strengthen, establish and perfect you, and finally greet you with, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

E. Sir: You have been elected Grand Senior Warden in this Grand Commandery, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is at the Southwest angle of the triangle and on the right of the first division. It will be your special care to form the avenues for the approach and departure of the Grand Commander, and to prepare the lines for inspection and review. Let it be your constant care that the warrior be not deterred from duty nor the penitent molested on his journey. Finally, "Let your light so shine before men, that they, seeing your good works may glorify our Father which is in heaven."

CHARGE TO THE GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

E. Sir: Having been elected Grand Junior Warden, I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is at the Northwest angle of the triangle, and on the left of the whole when in line, and on the right of the second and third divisions. Your duty will be to attend on all wayfaring Knights, and if found worthy, to introduce them, on the order of the Grand Commander, into the asylum. While you are enjoined to see that they are provided sandals, scrip and staff, you are also to keep a watch over your own actions, making them such as befit a child of humility. Truth is mighty, and those who are guided by it shall ultimately prevail; be ye therefore perfect, always abounding in the work of the Lord, that you may be a bright and shining light in the world—a city set on a hill that cannot be hid.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

E. Sir: You have been elected Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, and I now invest you with the official jewel of your station, which is on the right, in front of the Grand Commander. The qualities that should especially distinguish the incumbent of your station are accuracy and fidelity—accuracy, in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Grand Commandery that may lawfully come into your hands, and rendering a just account of the same whenever called upon for that purpose. Your respect for and attachment to this Grand Commandery and the great Order of which it is the organ, will doubtless stimulate you to a zealous, faithful and prompt discharge of the trust confided to you.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND RECORDER.

E. Sir: By the suffrages of the Grand Commandery you have been chosen Grand Recorder, and I now invest you with the badge of your office. In selecting a person to discharge the duties of this most important trust, the Sir Knights

have unquestionably been guided by a belief that you possess in a large degree the qualities that should distinguish a Grand Recorder, which are: promptitude in issuing the notifications of his superior officers; punctuality in attending the meetings of the Grand Commandery; correctness in recording their proceedings; integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands, and fidelity in paying over the same to the Grand Treasurer; and I cannot doubt your resolve to discharge these important duties with benefit to the Grand Commandery, and with honor to yourself. Your station, to which you will now repair, is on the left of the Grand Commander, in front.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

E. Sir: To you has been awarded the distinction of Grand Standard Bearer, and I now invest you with the jewel appropriate to that office. Your station is in the West, and in the centre of the second division. Your duty is to display, support and protect the banner of our Order, which I now place in your official custody. You will remember that, as in the olden time, it is our rallying point in time of danger, that as, on the fields of Palestine, the Beauseant rarely gave back in time of battle; so now, when unfurled in the great cause of humanity, it is for you to see that it is never relinquished to an enemy, but with your life. Let, therefore, your conduct be such that the virtuous will delight to imitate it; let the refulgent rays that ever emanate from pure benevolence and humility, diffuse their lustre on all around you, that it may animate and encourage all true and courteous Knights and confound and dismay their enemies.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SWORD BEARER.

E. Sir: Having been elected Grand Sword Bearer, I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is on the right of the Grand Standard Bearer, and on the right of the second division. Your duty is to watch all orders and signals from the Grand Commander, and see that they are promptly obeyed. You are also to assist in the protection of the banners of our Order, and with a heart warmly devoted to the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity; with the mystic sword that is endowed with justice and fortitude, and tempered by mercy, in your hand, you may cast your eyes upon the standard, and remember that "*In hoc signo vinces*" is an expressive motto of our Order, and consoling to the heart of every believer.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND WARDER.

E. Sir: The Grand Commandery have selected you to fill the office of Grand Warder, and I now invest you with the badge of your station. Your station is on the left of the Grand Standard Bearer, and on the left of the second division. Your duty is to observe the orders of the Grand Commander, to announce his approach and departure, as well as that of all visiting Sir Knights who may be admitted to the privileges of our Conclaves. You will therefore observe the virtue of punctuality, and by a strict observance of your important duties, merit

not only the honor now conferred upon you, but the commendation of all Sir Knights who may participate in your official courtesy.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS.

Sir —: You have been elected to the responsible station of Grand Captain of the Guards, and I now invest you with the jewel appropriate to your office. It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of the functions with which you are thus invested. Holding the post of danger and therefore that of honor, your vigilance should be sleepless, your courage undaunted, and your courtesy beyond question. See to it that the avenue of approach be strictly guarded; that your courage keep all enemies at bay, while the valiant and true acknowledge in you the kind welcome due to the valiant soldiers of the cross.

The Grand Marshal will then make the following

PROCLAMATION.

In the name and by authority of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, I proclaim the officers thereof duly elected and installed.

The Grand Prelate will then conclude the ceremonies by the following

CHARGE AND INVOCATION.

Sir Knights : Having now elected your officers and inducted them with appropriate ceremony into their several stations, you cannot be insensible to the duties of respect and obedience you owe them. It would indeed be a sorry compliment to your knowledge of our Order, could it be supposed that you will fail in rendering them, collectively and individually, the weight of your influence in the discharge of the functions with which you have formally invested them. For, while in one sense they are but your agents, their success or failure will redound to your credit or blame, as you yourselves shall prove ready to second their lawful undertakings, and by your prompt obedience, set an example of loyalty, to the constituents you represent. The past history of this Grand Commandery is a bright and open page, undimmed by any record but such as befits the gallant and true. Unquestioning fealty to the constitutions and edicts of our national organization, a warm and generous support of the office-bearers chosen to represent us before the world, and a strict adherence to the Statutes and Regulations of our Order, have thus far been its distinguishing characteristics, and it now remains for you to continue the record and hand down to your successors the glorious renown acquired by your predecessors. That you will earnestly strive so to do, I cannot doubt, and I fervently pray that He who is a strong tower and defense to those who put their trust in Him, may have you in His holy keeping and bless all your laudable endeavors.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Whereof take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to with-

stand in the evil day, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response: So mote it be.



RESOLUTIONS NOW IN FORCE.

No. 1, 1858: *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be required, at each annual Grand Conclave, to furnish the Grand Treasurer a copy of the report on mileage and per diem, and that the Grand Treasurer pay over the money as specified in said report, and take receipts upon said report, which shall be his sufficient voucher.

No. 2, 1858: *Resolved*, That suspension or expulsion of one who is a Sir Knight, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, from a Lodge or Chapter, shall be deemed sufficient cause for striking his name from the roll, without trial or notice: *Provided*, that, in case of appeals, no action shall be taken in the Commanderies, until final action is had upon the matter in the body to which such appeal is taken.

No. 3, 1858: Repealed, 1871.

No. 4, 1858: *Resolved*, That a Commandery is at work, under Dispensation, from the date of the Dispensation.

No. 5, 1858: Repealed, 1871.

No. 6, 1858: *Resolved*, That Sir Knights working in a Commandery under Dispensation, are entitled to remain with such Commanderies upon obtaining a Charter, or to retain their membership in the Commandery to which they previously belonged.

No. 7, 1859: *Resolved*, That the form of Burial Service adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, be ordered to be used by the Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction.

No. 8, 1859: *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction be required to open and close once in each month.

No. 10, 1863: *Resolved*, That the R. E. Grand Commander be authorized to appoint an Inspector General, when, in his opinion, it shall be proper to do so, whose duty it shall be, when called upon by any Commandery, or when ordered to do so by the Grand Commander, to inspect the drill, opening and closing ceremonies, and work of Commanderies, and give instruction in the same.

No. 11, 1864: *Resolved*, That our representatives to the Grand Encampment, be instructed to vote against any further changes in the Uniform of a Knight Templar, and against any change in the style and title of officers.

No. 12, 1867: *Resolved*, That when the work on Tactics and Drill is promulgated, the Grand Recorder be instructed to publish them in text-book form, and that, also, he publish with it the monitorial portion of the work, the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, the Burial Service, and the Installation and Dedication Services of the same, and that he furnish copies to Commanderies and Sir Knights at cost price.

No. 13, 1868: *Resolved*, That every petition for a Dispensation for a Subordinate Commandery shall state, in addition to the matters heretofore usually set forth, that some one of the petitioners, who shall be named, is competent to discharge the duties of Eminent Commander in conducting the ordinary business of a Commandery, and is, also, sufficiently skilled in the Work and Ritual of the Order to be able to open and close a Commandery in due form, and to confer the Orders of Knighthood in a proper manner; and the recommendation required from the nearest Commandery shall affirm that the facts stated in the petition are true, and the Commandery so recommending shall be held responsible to the Grand Commandery for the truth of such affirmation.

No. 14, 1868: *Resolved*, That all Commanderies Chartered at this Grand Annual Conclave, and all Commanderies hereafter created, be, and they are hereby, ordered to prepare a code of by-laws for their government, and submit the same to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for his approval, before the same shall be considered regular and in due form.

No. 15, 1868: *Resolved*, That the Grand Commander be authorized to appoint some skillful Sir Knight annually as Inspector General, who shall be authorized to instruct Commanderies and Sir Knights in the Tactics and Drill, Ritual and Work of the Orders, at the expense of those by whom he may be employed.

No. 16, 1868: *Resolved*, That each Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction be furnished with three copies of the Tactics and Drill adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that they be required to conform thereto.

No. 17, 1868: *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to procure a jewel for each Past Grand Commander, with suitable devices and inscriptions.

No. 18, 1869: Repealed, 1871.

No. 19, 1869: *Resolved*, That amendments in Subordinate Commanderies, increasing fees, increasing or reducing dues, or regulating times of meeting, do not require the action of this Grand Body.

No. 20, 1870: *Resolved*, That all representatives to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, be, and are, hereby requested to appear at its future Conclaves equipped, at least in the undress uniform of a Knight Templar.

No. 21, 1871: *Resolved*, That in Patents issued to Representatives of this Grand Commandery, near the East of other Grand Commanderies, the R. E. Grand Commander is hereby authorized to name the rank of Past Grand Generalissimo, as that under which such Representative shall be received and recognized.

FORMS.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Em. Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of ——— Commandery No. —, K. T. :

The undersigned represents that he has received the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, in a regularly Constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Sublime Royal Arch, in a regularly Constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons ; that he is a member of ——— Lodge, No.—, and ——— Chapter, No.—, in good standing ; that he is desirous of receiving the ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, conferred in your Commandery, and, if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

My place of residence is ———.

My occupation is that of ———.

My place of birth is ———.

Date of birth ———.

Presented by Sir Knight ——— ———.

NOTE.—Write your name in full.

FORM OF DIMIT.

"IN HOC SIGNO VINCES."

To all Sir Knights of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross, and of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, to whom these presents may come — GREETING :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Sir Knight ———, whose name appears in the margin of this DIMIT, is a KNIGHT TEMPLAR, and was a member of ——— Commandery, No. —, in good standing, and free from all charges on the books, and has regularly dimitted from said Commandery, and we do courteously commend him to the fraternal regard of all Valiant and Magnanimous Sir Knights, wherever dispersed.

Ne Ventur.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of our Commandery to be affixed, this [L.S.] ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord 18—, and of the Order 7—.

—————, *E. C.*

ATTEST :

—————, *Recorder.*

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the ——— day of ———, 18—, at a regular meeting of ——— Commandery, No. —, held in the ——— of ———, county of ———, and State of Illinois, the following named Sir Knights were duly elected and installed officers of the same for the ensuing year; viz. :

Sir Knight ———, *E. Commander.*

Sir Knight ———, *E. Generalissimo.*

Sir Knight ———, *E. Captain General.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We, the members of said Commandery, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed, and our [L. S.] Recorder to sign the same.

—————, *Recorder.*

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXY.

To the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That in consideration of the confidence I repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight ———, I have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint, the said Sir Knight ——— to be my *proxy* in the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, and then and there to represent me, and to do every act and thing agreeably to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, as fully and completely as I could do were I personally present.

WITNESS my hand and seal this ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, [L. S.] and of the Order 7—.

*E. Commander.**Or Generalissimo.**Or Captain General.*

FORM OF A PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION,

To the R. E. Sir ———, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois :

The undersigned, Knights Templar in good standing, having the prosperity of Free Masonry and Order of Knights Templar at heart, and that fuller opportunity for the same may be afforded us, are desirous of forming a Commandery at ———, to be named ——— Commandery.

We, therefore, with the approbation and recommendation of ——— Commandery No. —, which is the nearest Commandery to our place of residence, respectfully and courteously pray for a Dispensation, empowering us to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the county of ———, on the ——— in every month, then to discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner, agreeably to the original forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment. We do nominate and recommend Sir ——— to be the first Commander, Sir ——— to be the first Generalissimo, Sir ——— to be the first Captain General of said Commandery. The prayer

of this petition being granted, the undersigned promise a strict obedience to the commands of the R. E. Commander, and the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

Date _____.

N. B.—This petition must be signed by nine Knights Templar, and recommended by nearest Commandery.

(See Resolution No. 13.)





RETURNS
OF
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

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SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

N. B.—The letters, etc., after a Sir Knight's name, represent as follows :
(a), admitted ; (c), created ; (r), reinstated.

APOLLO COMMANDERY, No. 1, CHICAGO.

Chartered September 17, 1847.

Stated Conclaves first and third Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Eugene Burritt Myers.....	Commander.
Sir Francis Harvey Nichols.....	Generalissimo.
“ Robert Coles Garrabrant	Captain General.
“ James Hoge Miles.....	Prelate.
“ Tracy Town Oviatt.....	Senior Warden.
“ Frederick Augustus Wheeler.....	Junior Warden.
“ Henry Winants Bigelow.....	Treasurer.
“ Erastus Noyes Tucker.....	Recorder.
“ Seth Taylor Minckler.....	Standard Bearer.
“ George Washington Muir.....	Sword Bearer.
“ William Davis Baker.....	Warder.
“ Lockwood Keeler Osborne.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Reuben Tayler,	E. Sir Vincent Lombard Hurlbut,
“ James Van Zandt Blaney,	“ Benjamin Franklin Patrick,
“ George Waite Deering,	“ Theodore Tuthill Gurney,
“ Henry Collins Ranney,	“ Charles Homan Brower.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

George W. Adams, Henry H. Adams, Wesley F. Adams, Edward Addy, Leonard D. Adsit, William Aldrich, Frank S. Allen (c), Jonathan A. Allen, Peter M. Almini, Frank E. Aiken, Thomas W. Anderson, Claud G. Avery, John V. Ayer, Orvis P. Baker, William T. Baker, William L. Barnum, James

Barrell, Oscar W. Barrett, Augustus L. Bartlett, Herman Bauer, Edwin Bean, John Belfour, Henry W. Bigelow, James V. Z. Blaney, William F. Blocki, Lucius B. Boomer, Oswell A. Bogue, Alfred Booth, Edward Boss, Thomas C. Borden, James Boyd, Robert Boyd, Timothy M. Bradley, Charles H. Brower, David P. Brown, George T. Brown, John S. Brown, Samuel Brown, Lyman A. Budlong, Loomis E. Bullock, Francis W. Buckingham, Edwin R. Burnham, Sherburn W. Burnham, George T. Burroughs, Mortimer Butterfield, Harvey R. Cabery, Daniel Cameron, Jr., David R. Cameron, Edgar R. E. Carpenter, George B. Carpenter, James S. Carter, George R. Chittenden (c), Jacob Cigrang, Alson E. Clark, William M. Clark, Charles E. Coburn, Martin R. Cobb (c), John C. Cochrane, Harwood H. Coe (c), David Coey, Jas. A. Collins, Crayton H. Conger, Moore Conger, Silas W. Conger, Charles E. Cook, Edward Cook, George M. Cook (c), Charles Coryell, John Corcoran, Abram G. Coursen, Hiram C. W. Cowdery, Franklin P. Cram, David R. Crego (c), Francis Crockett, Ansel L. Crocker (c), Wm. S. Crosby, Daniel F. Crilly (c), John W. J. Culton, Belden F. Culver, George W. Cushing, Edward H. Cutler, Henry Curtis, Joseph L. Day, Benjamin F. DeLong, Arthur Dixon, Laban B. Dixon, John W. Doane, Joseph B. Doggett, Carlton Drake, Arthur C. Ducat, Thomas O. Dunn, David R. Dyche, Lewis C. Ellsworth, James T. Ely, Louis Erickson, James Evans, Robert M. Fair, Ithael P. Farnum, John H. Ferrell, Charles F. Forbes (c), Robert H. Foss, Robert Forsyth, Thos. A. French, Moses N. Fuller, Wm. H. Gale, John E. Gardner (c), Robert C. Garabrant, Albert G. Garfield, Frederick H. Garfield, Norman T. Gassett, John B. George, Simon C. George, George H. Germaine, Stephen A. Goodwin, Amos Grannis, Edwin Griffith, John J. Graham, Theodore T. Gurney, George F. Haines, Christopher W. Hall, Elias P. Hall (c), Wm. T. Hancock, Edwin R. Harmon, Andrew J. Harris, Thomas C. Hatch, Isaac P. Hatfield, Albert Hayden, John W. Healey, Monroe Heath, Sam'l M. Henderson, Roswell Z. Herrick (c), Laurin P. Hilliard, Ferdinand R. Hilger, John C. Hilton, Ezra J. Higgins, Van H. Higgins, Delos C. Hill, John Hitt, Alfred W. Hitchcock, John K. Hogan, Timothy N. Holden, Elbridge M. Horton, Henry B. Horton, George N. Houghton, Lucius A. Howland, Adolphus S. Hubbard, John Hughes, John H. Huyck (c), Horatio N. Hurlbut, Vincent L. Hurlbut, Charles E. Hyde, Charles P. Jackson, John B. Jeffery (c), Samuel B. Jenkins, Wm. H. Jenkins, Hosmer A. Johnson, John H. Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Samuel D. Johnston, Thomas M. Jones, Edwin H. Keen, Harlan P. Kellogg, David A. Kimbark, Wm. W. King (c), Herbert M. Kinsley (c), Louis A. Kormendy, Jos. Kohl (c), Geo. H. Laffin, David W. Lamberson, Charles H. Lane (c), Egbert C. Leach, John V. LeMoine (c), Chas. E. Leonard, Augustus I. Lewis, Joseph B. Lewis, William C. Lincoln, William T. Lindley, John Link, Nils P. Loberg, Benjamin B. W. Locke, Sidney E. Locke, Hugh Logan, Edward M. P. Ludlam, George P. Lyon, George A. Macomb, Bell Mann, Robert S. Martin, George Mason, Joshua L. Marsh, Otto H. Matz, Cornelius Mahoney, John C. McCord (c), Geo. McElwain, Andrew McNally, James H. McVicker, Geo. A. Meech, John Middleton, James W. Middleton, James H. Miles, Alden C. Millard, John W. Mills, Philip L. Milliman, Seth T. Minckler,

Anson B. Miner, George W. Montgomery, Joseph A. Montgomery, Robert W. Morley (c), Buckner S. Morris, Edward W. Morrison, Ransom J. Morse, Winsor A. Mowry, George W. Muir, William H. Murray, James W. Musson, James K. Murphy, Eugene B. Myers, Samuel Myers, Sidney Myers, Thomas Nicoles, Francis H. Nichols, Joshua R. Nichols, Henry C. Nutt, George W. Ordway, Lockwood K. Osborn, Tracy T. Oviatt, William H. Ovington, James H. Pad-dock, Daniel W. Page, Freeman L. Paine, George H. Parker, Franklin Parmelee, Benjamin F. Patrick, Theodore H. Patterson, George W. Pettee, William J. Pickering, Reuben P. Pierce, Bennett Pieters, Nathan E. Platt, John A. Poor, Henry T. Porter, Edwin Powell, William S. Powell, Albert H. Pratt, Benjamin F. Quimby, Sanford Rankin, Henry C. Ranney, John S. Ranney (a), Alanson H. Reed, Wm. H. Reid, John Rendall, Charles C. Rice, Paul B. Ring, Eugene V. Roddin, Sterling P. Rounds, Lyman W. Rouse, Har-mon B. Ruger, Volney E. Rusco, Jonn K. Russell, Martin Ryerson, Rufus H. Sage, Charles Scott, Thomas B. Seavey, Joshua Hopkins Shaw, Joshua Henry Shaw, Francis T. Sherman, George C. Sherman, William A. Sheridan, Joseph B. Shute, Leverett B. Sidway, Charles M. Simmons, Alfred L. Smith, Gilbert R. Smith, Graeme L. Smith, James Smith, John W. Smith, Samuel Smith, Samuel C. Smith, William W. Smith, Thomas D. Snyder, William Sollitt, William Spaulding, William M. Stanton, David A. Starrett, Louis Staub, George R. Stevens, Henry Starring, Aurelius E. Stevens, Enoch B. Stevens, Robert R. Stevens, Walter A. Stevens, Dugald Stewart, John Stewart, Robert E. Story, John Sutton, William G. Swan, John Swasey, Jr., Henry Sweet, Lester A. Talcott, Charles A. Taylor, Reuben Tayler, Moses A. Thayer, Jeremiah S. Thompson, William A. Thrall, Nelson Thomasson, Edward H. Thomlinson, Frederick W. Tourtellotte (c), Erastus N. Tucker, John S. Turner, William H. Turner, James DeL. Tyler, Samuel E. Underhill, Charles R. Vandercook, Joseph G. Vibert, James Wadsworth, Philip Wads-worth, Greenleaf G. Wade, John L. Wade (c), John A. B. Waldo, Robert H. Walker, John Wallworth, Willard F. Wentworth, Frederick A. Wheeler, William E. Wheeler, James M. Wetherell, Carlton White (c), Cyrus M. White, Edward J. Whitehead, Junot J. Whitehouse, Charles E. Whitman, William H. Whitla, George T. Williams, Ludwig Wolff, James A. Wooster, John Wright, Winslow Wright, John G. Wustum, David Wylie, Ira S. Younglove.

ADMITTED.—John S. Ranney.

DIMITTED.—Edward N. Edwards, William D. Smith, Thomas B. Cabeen, James C. Whitehill, William R. Stubblefield, August Schwartz, Andrew M. Wood, John A. Van Buskirk, Alonzo C. Palmer, Francis H. Benson.

DEAD.—P. H. Miller, John J. Watson, William D. Baker, Clark W. Russell, Thomas A. H. Smyth, Charles H. Seaverns, John C. Gibson.

SUSPENDED.—James E. Dalliba, Nathan P. Herrington, Alexander Miller, William N. Davis, David Hess, Greenleaf W. Wood.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	336
Created.....	24
Admitted.....	1
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Dimitted, dead, and suspended.....	23
	<hr/> 338
Members, 1871.....	338

BELVIDERE COMMANDERY, No. 2, ALTON.

Chartered, September 19, 1853.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir George Dwight Hayden	Commander.
Sir William Jarrett.....	Generallissimo.
" Isaac Edwards Hardy.....	Captain General.
" Michael Mitchell Dutro.....	Prelate.
" Gaius Paddock.....	Senior Warden.
" George Barry.....	Junior Warden.
" Silas Francis Connor.....	Treasurer.
" Robert Bingham Smith.....	Recorder.
" John Henry Koehne.....	Standard Bearer.
" George Augustus Hanson.....	Sword Bearer.
" Henry Watson.....	Warder.
" Thomas H. Kingsley.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir M. M. Dutro,	E. Sir J. Newman,
" J. M. Pearson,	" R. B. Smith.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

George Barry, George T. Brown, Henry W. Buckmaster, P. D. Cheney, James A. Cooley, Silas F. Connor, Samuel V. Crossman, Samuel B. Dugger, William B. Dugger, Michael M. Dutro, Ulysses E. Fisher, James R. Godfrey, Robson Graham, Joel M. Goff, B. J. F. Hanna, George A. Hanson, Isaac E. Hardy, George D. Hayden, John E. Hayner, George H. Holliday, William Jarrett, Thomas H. Kingsley, John H. Koehne, William P. Lamothe, J. B. Liston, Thaddeus L. Loomis, S. Y. McMasters, James Newman, F. K. Nichols, Gaius Paddock, John M. Pearson, Webb C. Quigley, Andrew F. Rodgers, Robert B. Smith, George Thorp, Henry Watson, George H. Weigler, Christian Wuerker, John Connor, William G. Karse (c), John W. Renshaw (c), William Fleschert (c), Samuel Swancutt (c).

MITTED.—John Barnard, James G. Foreman, Manning Mayfield,

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	42	
Created	4	
	—	46
Dimitted		3
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Members, 1871		43

PEORIA COMMANDERY, No. 3, PEORIA.

Chartered, September 15, 1856.

Stated Conclaves the first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Rounseville	Commander.
Sir Louis Furst	Generalissimo.
" Jacob Elseser	Captain General.
" Lewis Keyon	Prelate.
" Henry G. Belcke	Senior Warden.
" Albert Smith	Junior Warden.
" Michael E. Erler	Treasurer.
" Justin E. Dow	Recorder.
" Benjamin L. T. Bourland	Standard Bearer.
" John L. Flynn	Sword Bearer.
" George L. Brucker	Warder.
" Benjamin Bergguist	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Lewis Keyon, E. Sir William Rounseville.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Hugh Armson, Thomas Alexander, Pollard S. Anno (c), Henry G. Belcke, Benjamin L. T. Bourland, George S. Brucker, George Billings, John A. Bush, Benjamin Bergguist, Jacob F. Coppel, Frederick Cleveland (a), Jacob Darst, Thomas L. Davis, Charles H. Deane, Justin E. Dow, John Dickinson (c), William H. Eastman, John M. Eiser, Jacob Elsesser, Charles W. Emmett, Michael E. Erler, George W. Fast, William R. Fairbanks, John L. Flynn, William J. Fort, Perry Frazer, John W. Fuller, L. B. Fuller, Louis Furst, Oliver D. Field (c), John Friedman (c), Rev. James W. Haney, William Heylman, John Higbie, C. F. Hitchcock, Joseph Holland, Henry Hosmer, Z. N. Hotchkiss, Oscar H. Harpham (c), Lambert M. Hillyer (c), Benj. Kersey, George H. Kettelle, Lewis Keyon, John E. Knable, J. R. Manning, William

E. Mason, Martin B. Mason, William McLean, Sr., William McLean, Jr., John W. Niglas, Samuel Patrick, John S. Pickering, Rev. Royal H. Pullman, Frank M. Reinhart, Isaac G. Reynolds, John C. Roff, Wm. Rounseville, Rudolphus Rouse, David T. N. Sanderson, Charles Spalding, Carl J. Speck, Daniel Spencer, James D. Strickler, Albert Smith, John Swentzel, Samuel Tart, Harry M. Van Buskirk, Christopher Wilson, Rev. Cornelius M. Wright.

ADMITTED.—Frederick Cleveland.

DMITTED.—Washington E. Cook, George W. Brown, Thomas F. Randolph, Frederick S. Hubbler, Addison J. Archer, John J. Wright, Horace M. Gillett, Henry Titus, Thomas J. Darby.

SUSPENDED.—Anton Roehrig.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	72
Created	1
Admitted	6
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	79
Dimitted and suspended	10
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Members, 1871	69

JOLIET COMMANDERY, No. 4, JOLIET.

Chartered, October 26, 1858.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Samuel Clinton Stearns	Commander.
Sir Richard Peter Denker	Generalissimo.
" Samuel Seth White	Captain General.
" David Gordon Wells	Prelate.
" William Franklin Saylor	Senior Warden.
" James Garion Elwood	Junior Warden.
" George Munroe	Treasurer.
" Henry Theor Woodruff	Recorder.
" Andrew Joseph Robinson	Standard Bearer.
" Ferdinand Byron Willitts	Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Jefferson Stevens	Warder.
" William " D." Fay	1. Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir William S. Brooks,	E. Sir Edmund Wilcox,
Rev. " Charles A. Gilbert, G. P.	" Charles E. Munger, P. G. C.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Edward H. Akin, Charles A. Austin, Marcus H. Avery, Heman Allen, Elisha E. Bates, William S. Brooks, George S. Bates, James S. Boyd, William Blackford, Freeman C. Boom, John Butler, Charles H. Bacon, Chauncey Bradford, Edwin R. Caswell (*c*), Abijah Cagwin, Joseph Campbell, Rev. James W. Coe, Merritt B. Campbell (*c*), Wallace B. Caswell, Ashley W. Colt, Edward Cochrane, Darwin Chidsey, George B. Cook, John H. Daniels, John F. Dorr, John Dodge, Richard P. Denker, James G. Elwood, Isaac A. Fish (*c*), Osmond Fox (*c*), William D. Fay, Thomas P. Ford, Frederick J. Gookin, Charles A. Gilbert, Edward E. Gooding, John W. Goodenough, Elias Hyde, Henry Huntington, Milton H. Hilburn, George B. Horton (*c*), Wm. Hanley, Frederick G. Houck (*c*), George W. Hyde, Frank Hopkins, Charles B. Hoag (*c*), James M. Jamison, John B. Johnson, Curtis J. Judd (*c*), Henry Jones (*a*), Rev. John Kidd, Henry C. Knowlton, John B. Kelly (*c*), Thomas Leddy, Jr., Jacob F. Lotz (*c*), Albert C. Lamb, Josiah McRoberts, Charles E. Munger, Franklin Mitchell, Alexander McIntosh, Joshua E. Mather, William H. Mosher, Edward Mather, Hugh McCormick (*c*), George Munroe, James I. Mather, John McDonald, George Miver, William H. Odell, Cephas C. Olney, Oliver P. Phillips, Rev. Jonathan G. Porter, Daniel H. Peirce, Henry C. Plympton, John D. Paige, Harry L. Quimby (*c*), Ebenezer Robbins, George C. Rayner (*c*), John T. Randall, Andrew J. Robinson, Peter Robinson, Oscar T. Randall, Edward R. Ramsey, William W. Stevens, E. H. Strong, Daniel C. Sleeper, William R. Steele, Samuel C. Stearns, Edward P. Smith, Lorenzo P. Sanger, Thomas J. Stevens, William E. Spears, James G. Strong (*c*), Ransom Smiley (*c*), William A. Steel, Henry A. Sanger, William F. Sayler, Charles H. Seaver, George B. Salter, Stimson E. Trott, (*c*) Henry F. Vallette, Edmund Wilcox, Daniel S. Whittenhall, Thomas Williams, Samuel S. White, Orlin H. Woodruff, David G. Wells, Christopher O. Wheeler, John Willis, J. S. A. Werner, Ferdinand B. Willits, John G. Waterman, Henry T. Woodruff.

ADMITTED.—Henry Jones.

DIMITTED.—Carl Luling, Horace M. Royce, Archibald B. Thompson, Asa F. Mather.

DEAD.—Lucien D. Haines, George R. McGregor, Samuel R. Casey.

SUSPENDED.—Samuel D. Foote, Ferdinand Vitenhoff, John S. Millar.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	105
Created	16
Admitted	1
	— 122
Dimitted, dead, and suspended	10
Members, 1871	112

BLANEY COMMANDERY, No. 5, MORRIS.

Chartered October 26, 1858.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Perry Austin Armstrong	Commander.
Sir Miles Gordon	Generalissimo.
" Charles Henry Goold	Captain General.
" Humphrey Henry Clay Miller	Prelate.
" Robert Lafayette Tatham	Senior Warden.
" Lafayette F. Beach	Junior Warden.
" Alexander W. Telfer	Treasurer.
" Hiram Howard Holtzman	Recorder.
" William Stanhope	Standard Bearer.
" Frederick C. Mayo	Sword Bearer.
" Lewis Porter Lott	Warder.
" Enoch Trask Hopkins	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Perry A. Armstrong, E. Sir Arnold M. Cleveland.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Perry A. Armstrong, George W. Ashton (c), Lafayette F. Beach, Andrew J. Boyer (c), Frederick Caspari (c), Arnold M. Cleveland, Charles H. Goold, Miles Gordon, Hiram D. Hitchcock (c), Edward C. Hollands, Hiram H. Holtzman (c), Enoch T. Hopkins, Robert B. Horne (c), Lewis P. Lott, George Mann (c), Stetman E. Massey, Frederick C. Mayo, Rev. Humphrey H. C. Miller (c), William P. Pierce (c), Joseph H. Pettit (c), William W. Phillips (c), Edward Sanford (c), William Stanhope, Robert L. Tatham (c), Alexander W. Telfer (c), Samuel B. Thomas (c).

ADMITTED.—Lafayette F. Beach.

DEAD.—Hiram Mallory.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	11	
Created	15	
Admitted	1	
	<hr/>	27
Dead	1	
	<hr/>	1
Members, 1871		26

ELWOOD COMMANDERY, No. 6, SPRINGFIELD

Chartered October 25, 1859.

Stated Conclaves on the first Wednesday of each month

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Robert Lewis McGuire.....	Commander.
Sir Jacob B. Hammond.....	Generalissimo.
" William A. Turney.....	Captain General.
" James L. Crane.....	Prelate.
" Thomas G. Gorman.....	Senior Warden.
" Richard Young.....	Junior Warden.
" John S. Fisher.....	Treasurer.
" Louis Benham Smith.....	Recorder.
" Dwight Brown.....	Standard Bearer.
" John P. Baker.....	Sword Bearer.
" Louis Rosette.....	Warder.
" Gotleib Burkhardt.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Andrew J. Dunning,	E. Sir Harman G. Reynolds,
" Phares A. Dorwin,	" William Lavery,
" Newton Bateman,	" Benj. C. McQueston,
" Charles Fisher,	" Rheuna D. Lawrence.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Grover Ayres, Newton Bateman, John S. Bradford, Mason Brayman, Charles W. H. Bruder, John M. Burnett, Daniel G. Burr, Edward L. Baker, Andrew J. Bradshaw, Gideon R. Brainerd, Gotleib Burkhardt, Dwight Brown, John P. Baker, George Carpenter, Benjamin F. Caldwell (c), John J. Cook, John Cook, Hubbard S. Coley, James L. Crane, John W. Dalby, John L. Davis, Jesse K. Dubois, Andrew J. Dunning, George A. Davis, Harvey N. Edwards, Charles Fisher, John S. Fisher, James L. Foster, Colin H. Foster, Thomas G. Gorman, Benjamin M. Griffith, Oliver P. Hall, Jacob B. Hammond, Samuel R. Harriman, Charles Hatry, Rufus K. Hawley, George B. Hemmenway, Geo. W. Hill, James E. Hill (c), John A. Hughes, William Johnson, William F. B. Jackson, Richard C. Kelley, Solomon M. King, Charles P. Kidd (c), James Knight, Allen Latham, William Lavery, Rheuna D. Lawrence, Jeremiah D. Low, David T. Littler, Charles E. Lippincott, William J. Loudon, Oliver Marble, Franklin J. Martin, Alexander Masters, Charles W. Matheny, James H. Matheny, Robert L. McGuire, Henry Margraff (c), Andrew B. McConnell, John McConnell, Joseph H. McConnell, Thompson W. McNewby, John McCreery, N. W. Miner, Orlin H. Miner, Elijah E. Myers, Joseph D. Myer (c), John W. Nuckolls, Robert Orendorf, William

D. Richardson, John B. Recks, Harmon G. Reynolds, John C. Reynolds, Arney R. Robinson, Pierson Roll, Frederick P. Rose, John E. Rosette, Louis Rosette, Edward R. Roberts (*c*), William Siemens, John C. Smith, Thomas C. Smith, Moses Stafford, Orson N. Stafford, Amos T. Smith (*c*), Francis Springer, Louis B. Smith, Frank W. Tracy, William A. Turney, John R. Tyson, John Uhler, Martin J. Uhler, Archibal J. Vanderen, John M. Vanderen, William T. Vandever, Charles F. Watson, Henry Wohlgemuth, Dudley Wickersham, James N. Williams, William D. Wheeler (*c*), Noble B. Wiggins, William W. Watson, Tingley S. Wood, Richard Young, Phil. C. Latham.

MITTED.—Leven W. Shepherd, John McManigal, Benjamin C. McQuestion, George A. Amos, Edwin F. Babcock.

DEAD.—Nicholas Strott, Phil. C. Latham.

SUSPENDED.—Thomas S. Mather, Stephen S. Whitehurst, Preco Wright.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	108
Created.....	8
	— 116
Dimitted, dead, and suspended	10
	— 106
Members, 1871.....	106

FREEPORT COMMANDERY, No. 7, FREEPORT.

Chartered October 26, 1859.

Stated Conclaves on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Edward L. Cronkrite.....	Commander.
Sir William J. McKim.....	Generalissimo.
“ James A. Grimes.....	Captain General.
“ William J. Johnstone.....	Prelate.
“ George Thompson.....	Senior Warden.
“ William S. Best.....	Junior Warden.
“ Alfred P. Goddard.....	Treasurer.
“ Scott P. Frazier.....	Recorder.
“ Daniel Williams.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Seth C. Buckman.....	Sword Bearer.
“ John Henry Porter.....	Warder.
“ Levi Martin.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Nathan Fay Prentice, E. Sir Loyal L. Munn,
 " Henry Hobart Taylor. " Milo D. Chamberlain.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Daniel Adamson, Smith D. Atkins, Joseph M. Bailey, William L. Beebe, William S. Best, Horatio C. Burchard, Seth C. Buckman, Robert C. Boyd, Joseph K. Benson, Samuel R. Bucher (c), Milo D. Chamberlin, Chas. L. Currier, Joshua G. Cornell, Festus P. Cleveland, J. T. Campbell, Edward L. Cronkrite, Horatio N. Cronkrite, John W. Childs (c), James Compton, D. W. Dame, Samuel J. Dodds, Scott P. Frazier, John O. Foster, James A. Grimes, Alfred P. Goddard, Ingraham G. Garner (c), Homer Graves (c), Homer N. Hibbard, Wilson J. Hunter, George Heninger, Edward Hullhorst, A. C. Hubbell, Thomas J. Hewitt, William J. Johnston, Charles H. Knapp, Leonard T. Lemon, Robert Little, William M. Lasher, John R. Lemon, William H. Long, Levi Martin, Loyal L. Munn, Frank B. Malburn, P. H. Murphy, James S. McCall, William J. McKim, William T. McCord, James McFarrich, Edwin R. Moffett, Simeon K. Miner (c), John W. Neff, Galen G. Norton, Elijah Northey, Charles H. Packard, Nathan F. Prentice, W. D. Putnam, John H. Porter, John R. Robinson, Jackson S. Rogers, Joseph P. Reel, William D. Rowell, John H. Schlatt, J. M. Schemerhorn, W. H. Schocht, David Syme, John C. Smith (c), Moses G. Sheldon, Henry H. Taylor, Thomas J. Turner, George Thompson, Thomas E. Turner (c), Giles F. VanVechten (c), William G. Waddell, Thomas D. Wilcoxon, Fletcher G. Welch, Edwin C. Warner, Daniel Williams, William Young.

DIMITTED.—H. W. Griswold, Alfred Hedburg, F. W. S. Brawley, R. V. Aukny.

DEAD.—John W. Shaffer, E. H. Shumway.

REINSTATED.—H. W. Griswold.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	75	
Created	8	
Reinstated	1	
	—	84
Dimitted and dead		6
Members, 1871		78

GALESBURG COMMANDERY, No. 8, GALESBURG.

Chartered October 23, 1860.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William W. Patch	Commander.
Sir James McChesney Lee	Generalissimo.
" Risley C. Haines	Captain General.
" James P. Weston	Prelate.
" William Arnold	Senior Warden.
" James Vernal Pangburn	Junior Warden.
" Benjamin Franklin Arnold	Treasurer.
" John Temple	Recorder.
" Hollis Mason Hale	Standard Bearer.
" Almond Smith Devendorf	Sword Bearer.
" John Adams Marshall	Warder.
" Thomas Nairne McQueen	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir James A. Thompson,	E. Sir Augustus S. Converse,
" George C. Lamphere,	" Hollis M. Hale,
E. Sir John A. Marshall.	

MEMBERS.

Jasper Armstrong, William Arnold, Benjamin F. Arnold, Sheldon C. Ayres, Augustus S. Converse, James T. Clark, James A. Caswell, Julius C. Coleman, Almond S. Devendorf, Benjamin C. Davis (c), James F. Francis, Joseph A. Gates, Hollis M. Hale, Hezekiah Hanson, James E. Hale, T. J. Hale, William Hamilton, A. C. Higgins, Elliott S. Harden, William O. Hewitt, L. A. Howard, Risley C. Haines, Clayton Hale, Charles H. Jackson, George C. Lamphere, James McC. Lee, John A. Marshall, James McMurtry, Thomas N. McQueen, William F. Major, Aaron C. Macy, Jr., James V. Pangburn, William W. Patch, Henry C. Parker, P. S. Post, James Peterson, E. W. Roberts, J. H. Roberts, John D. Richardson, Joseph Sawyer, James A. Thompson, John P. Thompson (c), John Temple, Edward M. Vail, James P. Weston, Elias W. Weed, George W. Wood, Alvah Wheeler, David Williams.

DIMITTED.—John W. Spalding, E. W. Hazard.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	49
Created	2
	— 51
Dimitted	2
	—
Members, 1871	49

BEAUMANOIR COMMANDERY, No. 9, DECATUR.

Chartered October 23, 1860.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Augustus Alonzo Murray	Commander.
Sir Robert Green	Generalissimo.
" John Quinlan	Captain General.
" George Wilbur Bright	Prelate.
" John Hilbrand Babbitt	Senior Warden.
" Michael Young Givler	Junior Warden.
" Samuel Ford Greer	Treasurer.
" Nathan Lowell Krone	Recorder.
" Albert Emerson	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Griffith Starr	Sword Bearer.
" Cyrus Mark Imboden	Warder.
" Henry Hummell	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Jerome R. Gorin. E. Sir George W. Bright.
E. Sir Charles H. Fuller.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

William C. Armstrong, George W. Bright, David P. Bunn, Lewis J. Bond, John H. Babbitt, Joseph N. Baker, Samuel L. Beidler (*c*), Joseph Bodman (*c*), William A. Clements, Lucien B. Carpenter, John H. Crooker, William J. Con-
dell, Elisha D. Carter (*c*), William M. Camp (*c*), William DeWese, Henry B. Durfee, Bradford K. Durfee (*c*), George S. Dustin (*c*), Albert Emerson, Joseph W. Ewing (*c*), David P. Elwood (*c*), John N. Fuller, Charles H. Fuller, Hick-
man E. Foster (*c*), Robert Green, Samuel F. Greer, Jerome R. Gorin, Chris-
tian Goodbreak, Michael Y. Givler, Alfred L. Gideon, William H. Gipson (*c*),
Daniel Gahman (*c*), Henry Hummell, William L. Hammer, Jacob S. Hand
(*c*), George F. Hargus (*c*), Cyrus M. Imboden, Paul F. Jones, Nathan L.
Krone, George J. Lesure (*c*), William Martin, Augustus A. Murray, Samuel
W. Moulton, John N. Morrison (*c*), William J. Myers (*c*), Alonzo W. Nason,
Richard A. Newell, William E. Nelson, Isaac C. Pugh, Jonathan N. Pum-
pelly, Warren A. Pierce (*c*), John Quinlan, William L. Reed, William T.
Stamper, Joseph G. Starr, David S. Shellebarger, George T. Shartel, William
A. Schaeffer (*c*), John O. Sparks (*a*), Charles A. Tuttle, James Travis, John
H. Toole (*c*), William Towling (*c*) Charles Watts, Abram L. Wright, David
C. Webb, Peter Wallace, Robert J. Young, William Martin.

ADMITTED.—John O. Sparks.

DIMITTED.—James A. Hill, James B. Trull.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	50
Created.....	20
Admitted.....	1
	<hr/> 71
Dimitted.....	2
	<hr/> 69
Members, 1871.....	

OTTAWA COMMANDERY, No. 10, OTTAWA.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves on the first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Fisk Nash.....	Commander.
Sir George John Burgess.....	Generalissimo.
“ Edward Henry Smith.....	Captain General.
“ William Wilmot Estabrook.....	Prelate.
“ Robert McKim McArthur.....	Senior Warden.
“ David Batcheller.....	Junior Warden.
“ Henry Clay Nash.....	Treasurer.
“ Edward Livingston Herrick.....	Recorder.
“ Francis Lyman Fiske.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Hubert Arrville McCaleb.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Leman Arauer Rising.....	Warder.
“ David Robins Gregg.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir George J. Burgess,	E. Sir John B. Peckham,
“ William L. Gibson,	“ James Rhodes,
E. Sir Thomas J. Wade.	

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Ebenezer Barber, David Batcheller, William E. Bell, Leverett O. Black, William E. Bowman, William A. Brundage, George J. Burgess, Washington Bushnell, John Bolander (c), Eliphalet F. Bull (c), George Beatty (c), John R. Cameron, Charles M. Carpenter, Frank B. Chapman, Silas W. Cheever, Henry F. Clark, Thomas H. Clark, James N. Colwell, John Colwell, Charles S. C. Crane, Charles M. Catlin, Francis P. DuBlain, William W. Estabrook, Francis L. Fiske, Joseph Ford, John C. Fulton, Henry M. Fesselman (a), Dwight W. Fuller (c), Theodore C. Gibson, William L. Gibson, Joseph Gonda, David R. Gregg, Douglas Hapeman, Justess Haines, Elias C. Hatheway,

Robert Henning, Edward L. Herrick, John F. Lamb, Arthur Lockwood, Robert M. McArthur, Hubert A. McCaleb, John F. Mackinlay, John L. Morrison, John F. Nash, Henry C. Nash (*c*), John T. Nichol, George H. Norris, William Palmer, John B. Peckham, Christopher C. Perine, Samuel Poundstone, James Rhodes, John B. Rice, Lemman A. Rising (*c*), Anthony D. Simon, Edward H. Smith, William C. Smith, John Stout, Seymour Stover, Ozell Trask, Abram E. Tyler (*c*), Addison H. Tyler (*c*), William C. Tillson (*c*), Edward M. Wade, Thomas J. Wade, Quincy D. Whitman, Geo. L. Walker (*c*), David Walker (*a*).

ADMITTED.—David Walker, Henry M. Fesselman.

DIMITTED.—Charles Stout.

DEAD.—Julius Avery, Charles P. Clark.

EXPELLED.—Erastus DeWolfe.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	60
Created	10
Admitted	2
	— 72
Dimitted, dead, and expelled	4
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Members, 1871	68

BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY, No. 11, QUINCY.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves on the last Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Joseph Robbins	Commander.
Sir Albert Demaree	Generalissimo.
" Granville Moody Evatt	Captain General.
" Walter Newton Colburn	Prelate.
" Benjamin Forteman Hoar	Senior Warden.
" Robert E. Goodrich	Junior Warden.
" Samuel Eastman Seger	Treasurer.
" Edward Starr Mulliner	Recorder.
" William Balkwill Larkworthy	Standard Bearer.
" Henry Nicholas Etienne Coltiers	Sword Bearer.
" John W. Banker	Warder.
E Sir Asa Wellington Blakesley	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Asa Wellington Blakesley. E. Sir William Eckley Oven

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Charles G. Atwood, William E. Avise, William M. Avise, Barton W. Alkire, John W. Banker, Sylvester P. Bartlett, Moses F. Bassett, Benjamin F. Berrian, Asa W. Blakesley (P. Com.), Caleb Bloom, Joseph W. Bradford, George V. Bristol, Henry S. Brown, John W. Brown, George W. Burns, James B. Cahill (*c*), Philip W. Capron (*a*), Thomas Carter, Walter N. Colburn, Henry N. E. Cottiers, Albert Demaree, George A. Dills, Harrison Dills, Jephtha Dudley, John W. Evans, Granville M. Evatt, William Foley, Jordan L. Freeman, George A. Gale, Benjamin F. Garrett, Archibald A. Glenn, Robert E. Goodrich, Roswell D. Grant, Stephen R. Gray, Leonard Grieser, Daniel P. Harris, Jacob R. Harris, John R. Harris, Joseph LaF. Hatcher (*c*), Damion Hanser, Benjamin F. Hoar, James M. Hoffman, David T. Jameson, Thomas Jasper, Fred. T. Johnston, Joseph Karr, Henry Kase, Rodney Lambert, William B. Larkworthy, Charles N. Lee, Robert C. Lockwood, James Lowe, Melville D. Massie, Joseph S. McClelland, James F. McCormick, John McGinnis, Jr., Michael McVay, Charles W. Mead, Frederick W. Menke (*c*), Louis Miller, George Morris, George W. Moulton (*c*), Edward S. Mulliner, Milton W. Newton, Henry St. J. Noyes, William E. Oven (P. Com.), Thaddeus S. Owens, James H. Richardson, Joseph Robbins, John A. Roth, George V. Rutherford, Samuel E. Seger, Evelyn C. Selleck (*c*), Joseph Shepherd, Onias C. Skinner, Jacob M. Smith, Dricus Snitjer, John Steinagle, Shubael O. Taylor, William W. Templin, Anton J. Thienemann, Horace S. Town, Fred. J. Urich, Henry M. Van Frank, Willis R. Van Frank, John Viberts (*a*), Wendelin Weber, Alexander E. Wheat, Lewis D. White, D. G. Wike, George Wike, Scott Wike, David G. Williams, Martin W. Willis, David H. Winton, Joshua S. Wood, Samuel Wood (*c*).

ADMITTED.—Philip W. Capron.

DEAD.—John Mellen.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	90
Created.....	7
Admitted.....	1
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Dead.....	98
	1
	<hr/>
Members, 1870.....	97

WAUKEGAN COMMANDERY, No. 12, WAUKEGAN.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir David Brewster	Commander.
Sir William Samuel Pearse	Generalissimo.
" Hiram Clement Wheeler	Captain General.
" William Calvin Tiffany	Prelate.
" Warren Horace Ellis	Senior Warden.
" Charles Bradley George	Junior Warden.
" Azro David Hutchins	Recorder.
" George Sullivan Wheeler	Treasurer.
" George Edward Baker	Standard Bearer.
" George Reed Lyon	Sword Bearer.
" Daniel Porter Millen	Warder.
" James Young Cory	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir John Clark Baker,	E. Sir William Calvin Tiffany,
" Henry Clinton Hutchinson,	" William Joseph Lucas,
" Azro Daniel Hutchins,	" William Allen Johnson,

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

John C. Baker, George E. Baker, Aristus Brown, Daniel Brewster, James H. Brown, Asiel Z. Blodgett (c), Ansel B. Cook, James Y. Cory, George H. Daniels, Eliakim C. Deacon, George Dewey, Warren H. Ellis, John R. Ellenwood, E. P. Ferry, Samuel H. Gilbert, Chas. B. George, Palmer C. Goble (c), Henry C. Hutchinson, Azro D. Hutchins, Dexter F. Hawks, Henry L. Hatley, Dyer J. Hubbard, Joseph F. Ingalls, William A. Johnson, William J. Lucas, Charles Lindsay, George R. Lyon, Daniel P. Millen, James R. Mack, Dennis Marr, Horatio A. Newcomb, William S. Pearse, James H. Porter, Cyrus E. Porter, Edwin W. Porter (c), Charles R. Steele, Richard F. Sweet, Hiram A. Tucker, William C. Tiffany, George S. Wheeler, Hiram C. Wheeler, Mortimer M. Wheeler, Thaddeus Winter, William P. Yeoman.

DIMITTED.—Freeman Daniel Rickerson.

DEAD.—James Lindsay, Alonzo Ransom.

EXPELLED.—Walter W. Hastings.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	44
Created	3
	<hr/> 47
Dimitted and dead	3
	<hr/> 44
Members, 1871	44

CAIRO COMMANDERY, No. 13, CAIRO.

Chartered October 25th, 1864.

Stated Conclaves the first Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Louis Henry Jorgensen.....	Commander.
Sir James Jewett Wilcox.....	Generalissimo.
“ Philander Walker Barclay.....	Captain General.
“ Horace Wardner.....	Prelate.
“ Edwin Coans.....	Senior Warden.
“ Alexander Hamilton Irvin.....	Junior Warden.
“ Claiborne Winston.....	Treasurer.
“ James Siddall Rearden.....	Recorder.
“ William Svader Lane.....	Standard Bearer.
“ William Biddle Kerney.....	Sword Bearer.
“ Calvin Castner Davidson.....	Warder.
“ John McEwen.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Charles Henry Foote.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Philander W. Barclay, Hiram Bixby, Byron F. Blake (*c*), George W. R. Corbis (*c*), Edwin Coan, Charles W. Dunning, Henry W. Dyer, Calvin C. Davidson, James B. Fulton, Charles H. Foote, Noah M. Farren (*c*), Christian Hanny, William L. Hambleton, Benjamin Harvard (*c*), Alexander H. Irvin, Louis H. Jorgensen, James Johnson, William B. Kenny, Joseph H. Lufkin, William S. Lane, George E. Lounsberry, Caleb E. Lee (*c*), James W. McKinney, John McEwen, Thomas Moore (*c*), Algemon W. O'Neal (*c*), Patrick H. Pope, James S. Rearden, Benjamin Rankin (*c*), William Standing, Robert H. Smith, William H. Scott (*c*), John W. Trome, Horace Wardner, Charles Wilson, James J. Wilcox, Claiborne Winston, Johnathan C. Willis (*c*), George T. Whitlock (*c*), George F. Musgrove (*c*).

ADMITTED.—Edwin Coan.

DIMITTED.—Charles F. Yeager.

DEAD.—Charles Forrest, Charles Ninninger.

SUSPENDED.—Charles W. Johnson, William S. Post, Joseph B. Cleaver, John Cummings, Michael A. Bryson, George W. Dodge.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	36
Created	12
Admitted	1
	<hr/> 49
Dimitted, dead and suspended	9
Members, 1871	<hr/> 40

GORIN COMMANDERY, No. 14, OLNEY.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Horace Hayward	Commander.
Sir John H. Gunn	Generalissimo.
“ Henry M. Eidson	Captain General.
“ Henry E. Thomas	Prelate.
“ John L. McCollough	Senior Warden.
“ Gideon D. Slanker	Junior Warden.
“ Henry Studer	Treasurer.
“ John C. Scott	Recorder.
“ Joseph M. Yocum	Standard Bearer.
“ Mortimer O’Kean	Sword Bearer.
“ William H. Hill	Warder.
“ John Knight	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir John Peak Cullen.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

George Boody, Thomas J. Black, R. W. Babbett, Henry C. Bothwell (c), Charles W. Cullen, William H. Cain, John H. Cartwright, John L. Campbell, John J. Coons (c), Henry M. Eidson, William G. Eaton, Isaac H. Elkin, William H. Eidsen, John T. Evans, Fred. A. Flood, Enos Gunn, John H. Gunn, Horace Hayward, William H. Hill, John L. Ham, D. C. Hagle, W. H. Hanna, G. W. Hungate, John H. Hally, C. J. Houts (c), John Knight, C. D. Kendall, George Lutz, George Mason, T. J. Martin, J. L. McCollough, Mortimer O’Kean, H. Palmer, J. F. Palmer, Frank Powers, J. M. Rauch, P. J. Raymond, Henry Studer, M. M. St. John, G. D. Slanker, J. C. Scott, George Scawthon, Jacob Schlenker, T. M. Taylor, H. E. Thomas, Gustave Toll (c), L. White, James Wilders, James B. Westbrook (c), J. M. Yocum.

DIMITTED.—John Knox Pierson.

EXPELLED.—Hiram W. White.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	47
Created	5
	— 52
Dimitted and expelled	2
Members, 1871	50

SYCAMORE COMMANDERY, No. 15, SYCAMORE.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves on the second Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Silas Orcasto Vaughn	Commander.
Sir Gaius Blowers Wiseman	Genralissimo.
" Asa Dimon	Captain General.
" Daniel Dustin	Prelate.
" Edward W. Alexander	Senior Warden.
" David Depue Brown	Junior Warden.
" Morris Holcomb	Treasurer.
" Royal Daniel Branch	Recorder.
" Ruel Carter Hoyt	Standard Bearer.
" Taylor T. White	Sword Bearer.
" Frank Huxley Smith	Warder.
" John Charles Garner	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir J. S. Harroun,	E. Sir A. J. Blanchard,
" A. W. Sawyer,	" Daniel Dustin.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Charles E. Adams (c), Ira O. Austin, E. W. Alexander, William H. Allen, Andrew J. Blanchard, Henry L. Boies, Frederick H. Brundage, Royal D. Branch, Richard W. Bushnell, Hiram Buell, Albert S. Babcock, George A. Bowers, Edward A. Bross, Gilbert Bedell, John C. Bundy, David D. Brown, Charles Chovin, Elbert E. Curtis, Daniel Dustin, John H. Dow, Jacob Deily, Thomas Donahoe, Asa Dimon, Jacob V. Dimon (c), Geo. A. Dunham, Andrew J. Elder (c), Alonzo Ellwood, Boardman Earl (c), Theodore Y. Frost, Isaac W. Garvin, Jefferson M. Gove, John C. Garner, John S. Harroun, Morris

Holcomb, John B. Harkness, Edwin T. Hunt, John S. Hunt, George W. Harvey, Sanford W. Hull, Ruel C. Hoyt, Seymour Hix, Horatio James, Daniel B. James, John Jones (*c*), Josiah H. Johnson, Charles Kellum, John W. Lowell (*c*), Herman Martin (*c*), Frank H. Moseley, Alexander B. Moore, Robert L. Miller, John F. Minnium, William H. Miller, William A. Miller, Alexander McCrea (*c*), Reuben B. Pollard, Horatio F. Perkins, Jay L. Putnam, Marvin Quackenbush, John H. Rogers, George E. Rogers, Francis A. Reed, Alvin D. Richmond, Henry T. Rockwell, Aaron K. Stiles, Amasa W. Sawyer, Charles T. Stuart, Richard A. Smith, James Shallman, John Shuld, Horace M. Stevens, John Stuart, Frank H. Smith, Silas O. Vaughn, John A. Waterman, Norman C. Warren, Lester P. Wood, Gaius B. Wiseman, Elias K. Whitcomb, Alfred Waterman, Pindar F. Ward, Gideon W. Warne, Taylor T. White, Warren A. Washborne.

DIMITTED.—A. H. Barry, P. S. Bartlett, Samuel A. French, Thomas H. Foster, Horace French, Smith Hoag, Thomas E. Lawrence, John H. Lakey, Solomon R. Larkin, John A. Linnell, Malcom McNiell, Charles E. Mason, Henry B. Pierce, George Remirch, L. L. Shalterk, Johnathan Teft, George W. White, Alphonso Barte, Oscar C. Churchill, William R. Thomas, William H. Johnson, Milo C. Pierce.

DEAD.—William C. Taylor, Newton N. Butrfell.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	100
Created	8
	<hr/> 108
Dinitted and dead	24
	<hr/>
Members, 1871	84

URBANA COMMANDERY, No. 16, URBANA.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves are held on the third Saturday in January, March, May, July, September and November.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Francis Granger Jaques	Commander.
Sir Mahlon Lindley	Generalissimo.
" John Charles Black	Captain General.
" Amasa Ogden Clapp	Prelate.
" George Scroggs	Senior Warden.
" Edward Blackshaw	Junior Warden.
" Eli Halberstadt	Treasurer.
" George Washington Flynn	Recorder.
" Myron Stoddard Brown	Standard Bearer.
" Edwin Thompson Whitcomb	Sword Bearer.
" Bennett Franklin Michael	Warder.
" Eli Jonathan Heller	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Lyman Chandler Hurd, E. Sir Amasa Ogden Clapp.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Isaac Albright, Edward Blackshaw, Joseph Black, William Black, Myron S. Brown, Jesse Burt, John C. Black, Julius A. Brown (c), Amasa O. Clapp, Joseph O. Cunningham, Albert P. Cunningham, Benjamin M. Davis, James Davis, Frederick Egan, Thompson Elder, Frederick E. Eubeling (c), George W. Flynn, William Freeman, William M. Goodwin, George C. Gill, Zacharia E. Gill, William W. Graham (c), Lyman C. Hurd, Eli Halberstadt, Francis P. Hilliard, George W. Hartman, Eli J. Heller, Hartwell C. Howard (c), Francis G. Jaques, Jonathan C. Johnson, Mahlon Lindley, Morris J. McConney, Dudley McLain, John W. McKenney, Lewis A. McLean, Bennett F. Michael, Ralph McCormick, Joseph B. Mann, John Mires, Jr. (c), Joseph C. Nelson, Charles DeK. Nott, James T. Orr, Joseph Park, James C. Probst, George N. Richards, Alexander Spence, Abram Schilling, George Scroggs, Reese R. Taylor, Francis Tiernan, Edwin T. Whitcomb, Daniel McKenzie.

DIMITTED.—Levi T. Hewins.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	48	
Created	5	
		53
Dimitted		1
Members, 1871		52

CRUSADER COMMANDERY, No. 17, ROCKFORD.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Rice Porter.....	Commander.
Sir Henry Richings.....	Generalissimo.
" John Dwight Hamilton.....	Captain General.
" Calvin Lewis Robinson.....	Prelate.
" James G. Knapp.....	Senior Warden.
" Thomas Butterworth.....	Junior Warden.
" David D. Alling.....	Treasurer.
" Alfred Booker Boughner.....	Recorder.
" Erastus Bell Perry.....	Standard Bearer.
" L. F. McGown.....	Sword Bearer.
" Horrace Chandler.....	Warder.
" William Nicholls.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir William Davis Eli Andrus.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

W. D. E. Andrus, A. R. Albertson, N. D. Albertson, George B. Ames, William Avery, F. H. Austin (c), E. W. Beattie, A. W. Burnside, L. E. Benson, R. C. Bailey, William Brockway, L. E. Burroughs, Evans Blake, Thos. Butterworth, A. B. Boughner, E. K. Conkling, John R. Curtis, Horrace Chandler, H. H. Dean, F. D. Emerson, Allen C. Fuller, J. W. Green, Dan. Goodlander (c), George S. Haskell, J. S. Hyatt, D. N. Hood, E. V. Haskell (c), Stephen A. Hurlbut, Edwin Hall, C. J. Horsman, John D. Hamilton, James G. Knapp, J. P. Lorgent, Josephus Lakin, C. A. Lundgren, Dan. W. Miller, E. F. McKinney, S. F. McGown, Levi Murch, J. B. Mulliken, George Mentzer, A. N. Nicholds (c), William Nicholls, R. S. Norman, Isaac Orton, George D. Palmer, John R. Porter, P. T. Parkhurst, Charles Pannell, E. B. Perry, C. H. Richings, Henry Richings, C. L. Robinson, S. W. Stone, H. P. Stockton, S. W. Stanley, Thomas Scott, R. S. Sanborn, C. G. Treigloff, O. C. Town (c), C. O. Upton, F. L. Vincent, A. S. Van Dyke, N. A. Walker, Marcus White T. T. Webster.

DIMITTED.—T. H. Dearborn, D. A. Stitsell.

DEAD.—John F. Squier, Jos. H. Burns.

SUSPENDED.—David D. Alling.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	65
Created.....	6
	71
Dimitted, dead, and suspended.....	5
Members, 1871.....	66

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

E. Sir Virgil Marion Blanding	Commander.
Sir Edward Burrall, Jr.	Generalissimo.
“ Henry Herbert Mayo	Captain General.
“ Joseph Silas Leas	Prelate.
“ Jesse Ross Mills	Senior Warden.
“ Morris Rosenfield	Junior Warden.
“ Louis Kiesow	Treasurer.
“ Henry Clay Cleaveland	Recorder.
“ John Spaulding Gilmore	Standard Bearer,
“ Calvin Truesdale	Sword Bearer.
“ Herman Allen Barnard	Warder.
“ Thomas Thornton	Captain of the Guards.

E. Sir Virgil Marion Blanding, E. Sir John Linn Ramsey,
E. Sir Joseph Silas Leas.

V. W. Albee, Herman A. Barnard, Peter Bogue, Virgil M. Blanding, James M. Buford, Thomas J. Buford, Edward Burrall, Jr., Warren C. Cook, Henry C. Cleaveland, Samuel Crossly (*c*), Timothy Dutton, John H. Eby, Alvin Everts, George P. Frysinger (*c*), George D. Gould, William B. Grenelle, John S. Gillmore, Henry M. Hughes, Louis Kiesow, Joseph S. Leas, J. Ross Mills, Henry H. Mayo, Milton G. Mills (*c*), Elwin E. Parmenter (*c*), John L. Ramsey, Morris Rosenfield, Thomas J. Robinson, James H. Rhea (*c*), Andrew J. Swanson (*c*), Alexander Steel (*a*), Thomas Thornton, Calvin Truesdale, Flavius J. Underwood, John W. Velie, Lorenzo D. White, Henry O. Whipple.

ADMITTED.—Alexander Steel.

Members, 1870.....	29
Created.....	6
Admitted.....	1
Members, 1870.....	36

CHICAGO COMMANDERY, No. 19, CHICAGO.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves on first and third Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Charles McFarland.....	Commander.
Sir Arthur Rollins Heber Atkins.....	Generalissimo.
" William Henry Woodbury.....	Captain General.
" Arnold Henry Vanzwoll.....	Prelate.
" John Henry Witbeck.....	Senior Warden.
" James George Smeal.....	Junior Warden.
" Charles Ellerly Chase.....	Treasurer.
" John Whitley.....	Recorder.
" Truman Warren Steele.....	Standard Bearer.
" James Irons.....	Sword Bearer.
" Lewis Allen Hamlin.....	Warder.
" Silas Peabody Crumb.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Wiley M. Egan,	E. Sir Ammi Merchant Bennett,
" George Gardner,	" George Henry Gibson.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Alexander Adams, Thomas H. Agnew, Henry A. Ahrens (c), Charles L. Amet, Horatio Andrews, Thomas Armour (c), Arthur R. H. Atkins, George L. Barber, William W. Bates, George P. Bay (c), Ammi M. Bennett, John W. Bent, Martin Blackburn (c), Daniel Booth, Charles C. Bonney, John H. Bowers, William M. Brewer, Lyman Bridges, Finley D. Brown (c), John J. Brown, Samuel A. Browne, Thomas Brown, Frederick A. Bryan, Anson H. Buck, Joseph Butler, Peter Button, Charles B. Byxbe, James B. Carlill, Bial J. Carpenter, Thomas Chalmer, Gardner S. Chapin, Charles E. Chase, Charles H. Clark, David W. Clark, Jr., Jonathan Clark, Reuben Cleveland, Silas E. Cleveland (c), Andrew J. Close, John Cortis (c), Arthur L. Cox, Charles S. Crane, Silas P. Crumb, William Curran, Nathan F. Dalton, William Davis (a), William T. Degroodt, Ransom Dexter, Adelbert Dobson, William H. Dobson, Edgar M. Doolittle, George Van D. Drake (c), Charles H. Durphy, Ransom W. Dunham (c), James B. Dutch (c), Wiley M. Egan, Jacob E. English, John Evans, Charles H. Felton, Charles H. Fest, John C. Fuller, Henry C. Furney, Andrew H. Fosket, John B. Franklin (a), Jacob Freund, George Gardner, Henry H. Getty, James George, George H. Gibson, John Gilman, Jr., William G. Godman, Moses Gray, Gabriel Gunderson (c), Albert L. Hale (c), Lewis A. Hamlin, Ledra W. Haring, Joseph Harris, Thomas Hastie, George K. Hazlett (c), Frederick B. Head, James Hennersheets,

James L. Higgie, William F. Higgie (c), Edward J. Hill (c), Jacob Hinrichs, Benjamin Holbrook (c), Thomas K. Holden, Isaac Holmes, Henry A. Holmes, Charles T. Hotchkiss (c), John Howison, Jr., Philip A. Hoyne, Edward C. Hubbard, John H. Hull, Thomas Hull, Ebenezer H. Humphrey, Nathan W. Huntley, Charles A. Hurlbut, Peter J. Hussander, Thomas Hutchings, James Irons, Charles Jacobs, Otto Jevne, Jonas M. Johnson (c), William T. Johnson, William W. Kennedy, John P. Klein, David Launder, George F. Letz, Clark Lipe, Albert G. Lull, George McBean, Malcolm McDonald (c), Charles McFarland, Angus McGowan, John McLaren, Henry S. McLean, John McLeish, Parker R. Mason, Henry J. Milligan, Daniel Miller (c), George Miller, Thomas T. Morford (c), William E. Mortimer, Joseph L. Moulton, John H. Munsterman (c), John Murphy, John T. Noble (c), William H. O'Neill (c), John Oliver, Hermann J. Pahlmann, John J. Palmer, Joseph C. Perrett, Aurelius V. Pitts, Ambrose Plamondon, Henry Plowman, Jr., Moses W. Powell, Ephraim H. Plummer, Moses H. Perkins, Gurdon P. Randall, Richard K. Richardson, Gulbrand Roberg, Henry C. Sampson (c), Edwin Sawyer, Leander Sawyer, Alvin P. B. Scolly, Daniel L. Seymour, Alexander K. Shaw, Lenox B. Shepard, Calvin W. Sherwood (c), Edward P. R. Shurley, Robert H. Sinclair, Jacob W. Skinkle, James G. Smeal, Robert S. Smith, John Spry, Owen A. Stafford, Truman W. Steele, William Stray (c), Philip A. Sweet, Peter Taylor (c), Eugene S. Talbot, William U. Thwing, B. F. Tilden (c), George C. Tobias, George Tapper, Edward Van Dalsen (c), Arnold H. Vanzwoll, Theodore Walker, John B. Warren, Thomas Wallace, Alexander White, John Whitley, Joseph Wilde, Thomas Wilde (c), Robert A. Williams (c), William H. Woodbury, George P. Wright, Samuel F. Wright, John H. Witbeck, George H. Young, Henry W. Zimmerman.

ADMITTED.—William Davis, John B. Franklin.

DIMITTED.—Henry Jones, Horace K. Beecham, John A. Crawford, John O. Dickerson, Samuel H. Donaldson, Thomas E. Miller, William Pingree, James G. Savage, Louis Shaffner, William H. Tunnicliff, George Chambers, Thomas Willis.

DEAD.—Herman A. Pundt.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	154
Admitted	2
Created.....	38
	— 194
Dimitted and dead.....	13
Members, 1871.....	181

TEMPLE COMMANDERY, No. 20. PRINCETON.

(Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Concludes on Monday, on or before the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Cairo Darius Trimble.....	Commander.
Sir Samuel Miles Knox.....	Generalissimo.
" George Washington Crossley.....	Captain General.
" George Crossley.....	Prelate.
" Jefferson Hamlin Fawcett.....	Senior Warden.
" James McMahon Fisher.....	Junior Warden.
" Luther Daniel Romberger.....	Treasurer.
" William Bacon.....	Recorder.
" Marten Carse.....	Standard Bearer.
" James Vandegrift.....	Sword Bearer.
" Philo Hamlin Zeigler.....	Warder.
" William Irving Moore.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Levi Randall Jerome, E. Sir Philo Hamlin Zeigler,
 E. Sir Joseph Mesigh.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Newell A. Bacon (*c*), William Bacon, Chares H. Bouge (*c*), Martin Carse, George Chritzman, Mills C. Clark, Thomas Clyde (*c*), John R. Coulter, George Crossley, George W. Crossley, George F. Cashman, James B. Doyle (*c*), Jeff. H. Fawcett, Darius Fisher, James M. Fisher, Clark Gray (*c*), Henry Harpin, L. R. Jerome, Cyprian Jones, S. M. Knox, Charles K. Ladd (*c*), B. F. Meetch, W. A. Mercer, Joseph Mercer, Joseph Mesigh, William I. Moore, James L. Morgan, W. H. Munger (*c*), F. B. Nash, David Robinson, L. D. Romberger, Ezra Seaver, Ira A. Seaver, C. D. Trimble, James Vandegrift, Charles C. Warren, William A. Warren (*c*), Charles A. Wilkinson, John M. Wilson, P. H. Zeigler.

DEAD.—Nathan Church.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	33	
Created.....	8	
		41
Dead.....		1
		40
Members, 1871.....		

DIXON COMMANDERY, No. 21, DIXON.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir James Andrew Hawley.....	Commander.
Sir Samuel Ledman Myres.....	Generalissimo.
“ Alfred Storrs Dimick.....	Captain General.
“ George Hyde Sampson.....	Prelate.
“ Jacob Mimrick Patrick.....	Senior Warden.
“ Samuel Smith Dodge.....	Junior Warden.
“ James Bronson Pomeroy.....	Treasurer.
“ Horace W. Beale.....	Recorder.
“ Daniel William McKenney.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Joseph William Latta.....	Sword Bearer.
“ William Culbertson Robinson.....	Warder.
“ George Bunker Worth.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir William Anderson Levanway.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Jason S. Ayres, Reuben H. Adams, Edwin G. Allen, George L. Brownell, Clark S. Brown, Miles J. Braiden, Horace W. Beale, James B. Charters, Benjamin C. Coblentz, Aquilla S. Christopher, Josephus R. Corbus, Alfred S. Dimick, Benjamin C. Deshon, Henry Dudley, Henry D. Dement, Samuel S. Dodge, Orris B. Dodge (c), John J. Ebuign, William H. Emerson, Albert S. Furguson, George W. Hewitt, Ben. S. Hungerford, Thomas H. Hyde, James A. Hawley, Albert J. Jackson, George B. Kittle, William A. Levanway, Charles F. Lynn, James C. Luckey, John A. Ladd, Joseph W. Latta, Hiram S. Mead, Daniel W. McKenney, Harvey Morgan, Samuel L. Myres, William J. Mix, William J. McCoy, James H. More, Charles E. Norton, Sidney T. Osmer, Jas. B. Pomeroy, John Phelps, Jacob M. Patrick, Jos. Pinkham (c), Peter C. Rooney, Moses M. Royer, William C. Robinson, George H. Sampson, Nathan R. Sturdevant, Augustus C. Spect, James F. O. Smith, Martin Van B. Smith, Abram Saller, Dwight S. Spafford, William H. Van Epps, Jr., Walter McL. Wadsworth, George B. Worth, Col. N. Whitney, John Waddleton, George W. Woodward, Edward B. Warner (c), Alexander R. Whitney, Marten H. Williams.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	60
Created.....	3
Members, 1871.....	63

AURORA COMMANDERY, No. 22, AURORA.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the first and third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir A. R. Bartlett	Commander.
Sir W. H. Barrett	Generalissimo.
" J. B. Hall	Captain General.
" J. T. Bevier	Prelate.
" H. R. Torry	Senior Warden.
" T. H. Day	Junior Warden.
" John Jassey	Treasurer.
" J. H. Thompson	Recorder.
" S. Williams	Standard Bearer.
" C. Osborn	Sword Bearer.
" J. A. Cook	Warder.
" B. Winton	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir J. E. Forrester, E. Sir James Walker.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

William B. Allen, L. R. Baker, W. H. Barrett, A. R. Bartlett, C. E. Bradley, E. A. Bradley, T. J. Beebe, James Bellings, Freeman H. Bowren, Isaac T. Bevier, Myron S. Barnes (*a*), Augustus Bawer, William Bevier (*c*), George W. Bartholomew (*c*), Charles A. Butcher (*c*), Eugene Caufield, D. T. Carnahan, F. F. Crondon, George Courtney, W. S. Coy, John A. Cook, T. B. Coulter, Leach Clark, Joseph D. Calehan, John H. Cleaveland (*c*), John B. Crelley, T. H. Day, George B. Devol, Jonathan E. Forrester, Frederick Fouth, John Farr, James H. Furman, B. W. Gates, W. H. Gardner, Andrew C. Gilchrist (*c*), J. B. Hall, A. T. Hall, S. F. Hance, W. H. Hawkins, Stephen Hiller, Myron Hopkins, James Howe, John E. Hurlbut, A. M. Hobbs, John Jassey, E. H. Kilbourn, O. B. Knickerbocker, Robert Keefe (*c*), Isadore Lewis, C. W. Lee, D. F. Luce, A. G. McDole, C. M. McGarth, John J. McLallen (*c*), A. Marcy, Jacob Miller, Henry H. Miller, John Morse, Frank Nadear, Daniel D. Owen (*a*), C. Osborn, J. H. Pease, S. R. Plummer, J. W. Parrington, John Pooley, William J. Pollock (*c*), William H. Right, William B. Reid (*c*), E. J. Stewart, Elijah Simons, G. W. Smith, A. B. Smith, A. W. Stolp, Walter Shoemaker, Joseph Sheers, Charles Schultz, Zachariah Squires, Calvin E. Smith, Henry O. Sheppard (*c*), Thomas Spicer (*c*), M. Tabor, J. N. Tittsworth, Lewis Tittsworth, J. H. Thompson, H. R. Torry, Amos J. Thomas, D. F. Vanliew, Abraham E. Vanderventer (*c*), Anthony Van Fleet, James Walker, G. W. Watson, Selah Williams, Burr Winton, E. W. White,

George R. Wallace, William B. Wilcox (c), James E. Wigglesworth (c),
Dewitt C. Wilson (c), William R. Wood (c).

ADMITTED.—Myron S. Barnes, Daniel D. Owen.

DIMITTED.—S. O. Tripp.

DEAD.—George E. Corwin.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	84
Created	16
Admitted	2
	— 102
Dimitted and dead	2
	—
Members, 1871	100

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 23, CENTRALIA.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Strong Pease	Commander.
Sir Henry Dwight Buck	Generalissimo.
“ John Killan Lape	Captain General.
“ John Dew Gillham	Prelate.
“ Abram Wimple Van Antwerp	Senior Warden.
“ Charles Frederic Lape	Junior Warden.
“ Thomas Leander Parkinson	Treasurer.
“ James Edwin Marshall	Recorder.
“ Henry Little Rhodes	Standard Bearer.
E. “ Hiram Warner Hubbard	Sword Bearer.
“ Hugh Theophilus Cunningham	Warder.
“ Ole Torgerson	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Hiram Warner Hubbard.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

William Aird, J. V. Allen, C. B. Arthur (c), Thomas C. Bartle, T. A. Brown,
H. D. Buck, H. T. Cunningham (c), W. J. A. Delancey, H. S. DePew, J. J.
Fitzgerrell, J. D. Gillham, R. D. Hayes, Daniel Hay, Charles Houghtaling,
H. W. Hubbard, J. K. Lape, C. F. Lape, J. E. Marshall (c), W. J. Morgan,
W. S. Pease, T. L. Parkinson, E. P. Phelps, J. N. Patrick, A. M. Putnam (c),

H. L. Rodes, G. B. Sage (c), Ole Torgerson, Elias Watkins, H. P. Walker, T. J. Whitehead (c), N. E. Way, N. K. Wager, A. W. Van Antwerp.

DEMITTED.—Erastus Newton Bates.

DEAD.—John Cole Thompson Kehoe.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	30	
Created	6	
		36
Dimitted and dead		2
Members, 1871		34

DEMOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 24, BLOOMINGTON.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Samuel Woodson Waddle	Commander.
Sir Alonzo Anderson Lamb	Generalissimo.
“ John Lane White,	Captain General.
“ Benjamin Reuben Bell Baughen	Prelate.
“ Jabez Brewster	Senior Warden.
“ George Augustus Tryner	Junior Warden.
“ Joshua Carman Ellis	Treasurer.
“ John Draper Fowle	Recorder.
“ Aaron Augustus Ackerly	Standard Bearer.
“ John Emmons Eastman	Sword Bearer.
“ Henry Bliss Wright	Warder.
“ Samuel Rouch	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Goodman Ferre, E. Sir Josiah Drummond Harbert.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Aaron A. Ackerly, James Armstrong, Miles A. Bulman, Jacob H. Burlis, Henry J. Babcock, Benjamin Bean, Jabez Brewster, Benjamin R. B. Baughen, Ira J. Bloomfield, James F. Boulware, Jones M. Chapman, Oscar E. Clark, Henry S. Cubberly, A. W. Cowan, James L. Douglas, John G. Dodge, Jonathan Duff, Joshua C. Ellis, William H. Ensminger, John E. Eastman, Peter Folsom, John J. Fix, Lafayette Funk, John D. Fowle, Goodman Ferre, Lyman Ferre, George L. Gibson, Estetus A. Gove (a), Samuel L. Hawks, Joseph Harriman, Daniel Holder, Lewis Holcomb, James Harper, W. H.

Harper, Hiram D. Harris, Theodore T. Herring, Alfred E. Harding (*a*), Josiah D. Harbert, Moses G. Harbourn, Isaac C. Hull, James M. Jameson, William T. Kirk, Henry H. Kent, Alonzo A. Lamb, William S. Lacey, James S. McWhorter, John T. Mehols, Charles V. Moulthrop, Joseph H. Moore, James McAlden, Jedediah McKean, Judson R. Mason, Samuel H. Mitchell, O. P. A. Myers, Wilmer W. Miller, Edwin R. Maples, Albert L. Otis, William Perrey, Hazo Parsons, J. W. Peck, Samuel S. Park, John M. Payne, Edwin L. Pettibone, John C. Rybolt, John L. Routt, William G. Randall, Robert H. Read, Samuel Rouch, William H. Stennett, John M. Stilwell, John O. Smith, Justin L. Spaulding, William Spurgen, Martin L. Steele, David C. Smith, George A. Tryner, Philip H. Thompkins, James Thompson, James P. Taylor, Samuel W. Waddle, Robert E. Williams, Henry B. Wright, Benjamin M. Watson, John L. White.

ADMITTED.—E. A. Gove, A. E. Harding.

DIMITTED.—Augustus Strathman, J. E. Bliss, James Cairns, J. B. Mann, Henry Remington, S. R. Roberts, B. E. Robinson, N. T. P. Robertson, J. Zimmerman.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	91	
Admitted	2	
		93
Dimitted	9	
		84
Members, 1871		

CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 25, WOODSTOCK.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Edwin E. Thomas	Commander.
Sir George H. Stinson	Generalissimo.
" Alexander S. Stewart	Captain General.
" Richard K. Todd	Prelate.
" Leander Church	Senior Warden.
" Mark Hathaway	Junior Warden.
" John S. Wheat	Treasurer.
" Alexander S. Salisbury	Recorder.
" John S. Medlar	Standard Bearer.
" William E. Smith	Sword Bearer.
" Cyrus A. Fitch	Warder.
" Rudolphe Deisel	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Enos W. Smith, E. Sir John S. Wheat,
E. Sir James Northrup.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

George A. Austin, Frederick Arnold, Austin Badger, Edwin Brown, John B. Blakeslee, Benjamin F. Church, Leander Church, J. C. Crumb, Barney Cornwall, Rudolphe Deisel, Cyrus A. Fitch, Lewis J. Gates, Robert Gardner, Mark Hathaway, George W. Hicks, Mark Hickox, Edgar Issabel, William M. Jackson, Charles L. Lyon, John M. Mullen (*c*), John J. Murphy, John S. Medlar, Michael H. McCahill, John McElroy, Peter McElroy, Sylvester Mead, Henry W. Mead, James Monahan, James Northrup, Herman N. Owen, Oliver W. Owen, James B. Perry, William H. Purdy, Frank D. Patterson, John A. Parrish (*c*), Emery E. Richards, James B. Robinson, George B. Richardson, Frederick Rennick (*c*), George L. S. Stuff, Alex. L. Salisbury, Jacob Samler, Smith Searles, Enos W. Smith, William H. Sanford, Eben E. Sherwood, William H. Stewart, William E. Smith, Alex. S. Stewart, George H. Stinson, Gardner S. Southworth (*c*), David O. Teed, Richard K. Todd, Warren A. Treat, Edwin E. Thomas, James H. Williams, Thadeus B. Wake-man, George P. Wodell, John S. Wheat, Adelbert S. Wright (*c*).

DIMITTED.—John S. White.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	56	
Created	5	
	<hr/>	61
Dimitted		1
		<hr/>
Members, 1871		60

ST. JOHN COMMANDERY, No. 26, PERU.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Robert C. Hattenhauer	Commander.
Sir Peter Sonne	Generalissimo.
" Charles Bruner	Captain General.
" Peter Bowers	Prelate.
" Alfred Foot	Senior Warden.
" Charles W. Grassmock	Junior Warden.
" Peter Throne	Treasurer.
" Conrad A. T. E. Holmes	Recorder.
" John L. Clark	Standard Bearer.
" Horace Gaylord	Sword Bearer.
" Edwin Gaylord	Warder.
" Charles Leoffler	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

John Brevort, Charles Bruner, Peter Bowers, John L. Clark, Reuben Evert, Amasa Foot, Alfred Foot (c), Joseph R. Fairfield, Horace Gaylord, Edwin Gaylord, Charles Gunther, William C. Grassmock, Conrad A. T. E. Holmes, Robert C. Hattenhauer, Jacob B. Lininger, Charles Leoffler, John J. Long, Alanson R. Morgan, William B. Powell, Peter Sonne, Peter Throne, George A. Turner.

DIMITTED.—Ira B. N. Bross.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	22
Created	1
	— 23
Dimitted	1
	—
Members, 1871	22

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 27, PARIS.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves on the second Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Robert Lang McKinlay	Commander.
Sir Jackson Monroe Sheets	Generalissimo.
“ Joseph Wampler Vance	Captain General.
“ David Martin Weider	Prelate.
“ Jacob Madison Bell	Senior Warden.
“ Andrew York Trogdon	Junior Warden.
“ William Cothren Walker	Treasurer.
“ Joseph Edward Dyas	Recorder.
“ George Hunt	Standard Bearer.
“ Burt Holcomb	Sword Bearer.
“ Silas Wilson Calvin	Warder.
“ Joseph Beyls	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Jeremiah Curl.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Albert B. Austin, Jacob M. Bell, Joshua O. H. Batterton, William H. Brown, Robert N. Bishop, Joseph Beyls (*c*), Milton M. Burt (*c*), Robert K. Collins, Silas W. Calvin (*c*), Arthur C. Connelly (*c*), Jeremiah Curl, Joseph E. Dyas, David B. Elliott, A. P. Forsyth, John R. Francis (*c*), William H. Geohegan, George A. Gilbert (*c*), John H. Harding, George Hunt, Henry Henn, Burt Holcomb, George T. Hume, Daniel C. Jones, Francis K. Lafever, Jacob H. Mann, Isaiah R. Martin (*c*), David A. Morrison, Robert L. McKinlay, William McMurchy, John W. Neal, George Routledge, Henry E. Rives, John Rutherford (*c*), Joseph H. Sallee, Levi Sisk, Elin P. Shaw, Jackson M. Sheets, Andrew Trogdon, Joseph W. Vance (*c*), Aaron R. Van Geisson, David M. Weider, Thomas Wynn, William C. Walker, Marcus W. Wilcox (*c*), Francis M. Zuck.

DIMITTED.—Harrison Black, Nathaniel Sandford.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	37
Created	10
	— 47
Dimited	2
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Members, 1871	45

BETHANY COMMANDERY, No. 28, MENDOTA.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

*Stated Conclaves on the first Friday of each month.***OFFICERS.**

E. Sir George Emerson.....	Commander.
Sir Joseph William Edwards.....	Generalissimo.
" David Alfred Cook.....	Captain General.
" William Truman.....	Prelate.
" Preston Irving Davis.....	Senior Warden.
" Robert L. Gilmore.....	Junior Warden.
" James Brown Dawson.....	Treasurer.
" Frederick Henry Haskell.....	Recorder.
" Daniel Meisenbach.....	Standard Bearer.
" Thomas Fawcett Aaron Newport.....	Sword Bearer.
" Jason Martin Liscom.....	Warder.
" Jason Reed Liscom.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Franklin Allen Hardin.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

William Atkinson, Hiram Anderson (*c*), Wilber F. Bromfield, John C. Corbus, David A. Cook, Edgar P. Cook, James B. Dawson, Preston I. Davis, Alfred Dean, Joseph W. Edwards, George Emerson, Anthony B. Gould, R. L. Gillmore, Samuel A. Gardner (*c*), Franklin A. Hardin, Frederick H. Haskell, William Hays (*c*), Elezer J. Hills (*c*), James Hastings (*c*), William H. Hale (*c*), Jason M. Liscom, Jason R. Liscom, Daniel Meisenbach (*c*), Samuel Morrison, James I. Metler (*c*), Thomas F. A. Newport, George F. Stanard (*a*), William Truman, James L. Taylor (*c*), Joseph Van Law (*c*).

ADMITTED.—George F. Stanard.

DIMITTED.—James A. Church, Mathew H. Panton, George M. Black, William S. Harrington.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	23	
Created.....	10	
Admitted.....	1	
	<hr/>	34
Dimitted.....		4
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Members, 1871.....		30

HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, No. 29, CARROLLTON.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

Stated Conclaves on the fourth Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Jerome Bonaparte Nulton.....	Commander.
Sir William Lindsay Orr.....	Generalissimo.
“ Henry Clay Withers.....	Captain General.
“ George Washington Davis.....	Prelate.
“ Charles Wesley Keeley.....	Senior Warden.
“ James Porter Morrow.....	Junior Warden.
“ William Labin Greene.....	Treasurer.
“ William Madison Fry.....	Recorder.
— “ George C. Cockerell.....	Standard Bearer.
“ William Porter Burroughs.....	Sword Bearer.
“ George Levi Hassett.....	Warder.
“ William Labin Greene.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Henry Clay Withers.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Winthrop S. G. Allen (c), Elias F. Brown (c), William P. Burroughs, Stephen H. Bowman (c), George C. Cockerell, George W. Cory (c), George W. Davis, James W. English, James Eads (c), William M. Fry, William L. Greene, George L. Hassett, John Hill (c), Andrew Jackson (c), Charles W. Keeley, Robert M. Knapp, Morris R. Locke, James A. Locke, James P. Morrow, William McAdams (c), Lewis Y. McAdams (c), Jerome B. Milton, William L. Orr, Joseph Ober (c), Robert Pierson, Augustin T. Perry (c), Richard G. Robinson, Milton D. Robbins, James D. Russell (c), James B. Samene, Joseph B. Shroeder, John E. Van Pelt, James S. Vedder, Henry C. Withers, Morgan L. Wood, David Meade Woodson, Frank Winfield, John C. Woolford (c).

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	25
Created.....	13
Members, 1871.....	38

SAINT OMER COMMANDERY, No. 30, LITCHFIELD.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

Stated Conclaves on the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir George Mortimer Raymond.....	Commander.
Sir James Davie.....	Generalissimo.
" Samuel Davidson Kirkpatrick.....	Captain General.
" John White Phillips.....	Prelate.
" Benjamin Franklin Hedges.....	Senior Warden.
" Aaron Wood Samson.....	Junior Warden.
" Benjamin Cyrus Beardsley.....	Treasurer.
" James Rogers.....	Recorder.
" Ludwig Hoffman.....	Standard Bearer.
" George Washington Sparks.....	Sword Bearer.
" Charles Bush.....	Warder.
" Chester W. Parish.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir George H. Pomeroy, E. Sir George Mortimer Raymond.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

George W. Amsden, James M. Ashlock (*c*), Benjamin C. Beardsley, Wesley Best, Charles Bush, Abraham C. Bird (*c*), Thomas Blair (*c*), David S. Clotfelter (*c*), Alonzo W. Cram (*a*), James Davie, George B. Durnell (*c*), Thomas Elliman (*c*), Benjamin F. Hedges, Ludwig Hoffman, John B. Hall (*c*), William S. Hooper (*c*), John T. Holden (*c*), Charles W. Jenkins (*c*), Samuel D. Kirkpatrick, Jerome Kelly (*c*), William S. Lea, Francis M. Miles, George H. Pomeroy, Chester W. Parish, John W. Phillips, George M. Raymond, James Rogers, David R. Sparks, Aaron W. Samson, Isaac S. Sturges, George W. Sparks, Luke F. Stoddard, William B. Stoddard, Pearcen B. Updike, George A. Vannevar (*c*), Paul Walter (*c*), Peter C. Wood (*c*).

ADMITTED.—Alonzo W. Cram.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	22
Created.....	14
Admitted.....	1
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Members, 1871.....	37

HOSPITALER COMMANDERY, No. 31, JACKSONVILLE.

Chartered October 27, 1869.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Charles Moody Morse	Commander.
Sir Calvin Washington McLain	Generalissimo.
“ Leonard W. Chambers	Captain General.
“ William F. Short	Prelate.
“ Charles H. Howard	Senior Warden.
“ Wesley Platt	Junior Warden.
“ James M. Dunlap	Treasurer.
“ William H. Smith	Recorder.
“ Mosley S. Ten Eyck	Standard Bearer.
“ Charles Henry	Sword Bearer.
“ S. Henry Thompson	Warder.
“ William S. Hurst	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Philip G. Gillett.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

William H. Alexander, John S. Aubert, Samuel M. Allen (c), Frank Abbott (c), Lewis W. Barrett, Ellis Briggs, Charles Broadwell, William H. Broadwell, Thomas J. Bronson, Alfred Baumgart, Peter Banjan (c), Leonard W. Chambers, James F. Clark, John J. Chambers, Rev. Enos Campbell, Charles Cussell, George M. Chambers (c), John H. Carver (c), James M. Dunlap, Jephtha Dunlap, Samuel S. Deweese (c), Amariah A. Dewey (c), Miner David (c), William L. English, George W. Fanning, Henry A. Flint, Oscar D. Fitzsimmons (c), Philip G. Gillett, Naham Gurley, John Gordon, Henry A. Gilman, Martin V. B. Glasgow, William S. Hurst, Charles L. Hastings, Dr. Charles Henry, William R. Hawk, Charles H. Howard, Thomas Hine, Henry W. Hitt, Francis M. Haynor, James H. Hackett (c), James W. Judy (c), Thomas C. Keener, Elias Keemer, Edmund C. Kreider, Edward P. Kirby, John A. Larman, Edward Lambert, Andrew McDonald, Samuel M. Martin, Charles M. Morse, Calvin W. McLain, Harvey W. Milligan, Charles M. Macomber, Zenos Mitchell, Wesley Platt, Smith M. Palmer, Benj. Pyatt, Frank Poffenbarger, John C. Pyatt (c), Carl Reichtman, David Roe, E. V. B. Rodgers, Solomon S. Russell, Charles E. Ross (c), Edward Scott, William H. Smith, John T. Sears, William F. Short, Charles K. Sawyer, Joseph E. Sawyer, John W. Swiler, Josiah M. Sawyer (c), John G. Strodtman (c), Thomas Simonson (c), Alexander R. Scott (c), Thomas Turley, Charles Thatcher, Mosley S. Ten Eyck, Stephen H. Thompson, Joseph Tomlinson, John S. Taylor (c), Charles R. Underwood, Martin Vogel, Charles T. Wilbur, Joseph

C. Weiser, Stephen S. Winegar, Henry C. Wegehoft (*c*), Jeriel Wilday (*c*),
Abram Wood (*c*), Henry C. Wiswell.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	70
Created	21
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Members, 1871	91

ALMONER COMMANDERY, No. 32, AUGUSTA.

Chartered October 27, 1869.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Henry Gerrish Dearborn.....	Commander.
Sir Randolph Comon Michaels.....	Generalissimo.
" Issachar Alonzo Jones.....	Captain General.
" Andrus Fellows Ashley.....	Prelate.
" John Andrew Ross.....	Senior Warden.
" James Cooper Bertholf.....	Junior Warden.
" Daniel Hamilton Swisegood.....	Treasurer.
" Joel Eugene Jones.....	Recorder.
" William George Leach.....	Standard Bearer.
" James Kinghorn.....	Sword Bearer.
" John Frederic Stienbarger.....	Warder.
" Proctor Peter Newcomb, Jr.....	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

A. F. Ashley, J. C. Bertholf, T. B. Brumback, J. W. Boman, G. W. Browning, T. G. Black (c), S. N. Black (c), J. S. Carroll, J. J. Curtis, J. L. Cochrane, G. W. Cox (c), L. W. Camp (c), H. G. Dearborn, J. Dearborn, Jr., H. G. Ferris, J. G. Follin, J. J. French (a), T. Fisher (c), M. D. Gillis, G. Gordon, A. J. Griffith (c), C. H. Gilbirds (c), J. V. Hover, B. Hungerford, James Hazelett (c), Jacob Hazelett (c), J. M. R. Harris (c), J. A. Heck (c), W. C. Hooker (c), I. A. Jones, J. E. Jones, J. Kinghorn, W. G. Leach, E. J. Lampton, L. Loeske, R. C. Michaels, W. H. Manier, R. H. Meade, S. C. Moss, J. McCoy (c), J. C. Miller (c), R. P. Montgomery (c), I. O. Martin (c), A. S. McDonnell (c), B. W. McCoy, P. P. Newcomb, Jr., T. M. Orton, O. L. Pitney (c), J. A. Ross, J. J. Reaburn, L. P. Robinson, S. M. Rallston (c), B. F. Steinbarger, D. H. Smisegood, J. H. Smith (c), L. Stocker, W. C. Steinmetz, S. Stevens, A. F. Smope (c), J. H. Smith, J. Underwood (c), M. Van Buskirk, W. C. Williams, A. Walty.

ADMITTED.—Jonathan John French.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	41
Created.....	22
Admitted.....	1
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Members, 1871.....	64

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 33, KANKAKEE.

Chartered October 27, 1869.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Thomas Philip Bonfield	Commander.
Sir Ryland Dewitt Sherman	Generalissimo.
“ Haswell Cordis Clark	Captain General.
“ Fayett Smith Hatch (Acting)	Prelate.
“ John Joseph Hendricks (Acting)	Senior Warden.
“ Milton Delos Butts	Junior Warden.
“ Daniel Carswell Taylor	Treasurer.
“ Melville Finley Metz (Acting)	Recorder.
“ Albert Dickerson	Standard Bearer.
“ Israel Burdett Hatch	Sword Bearer.
“ John Frank Leonard (Acting)	Warder.
“ John Benjamin Dusinbury	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Rodney Ashley, Thomas P. Bonfield, Alexander Burchim, Milton D. Butts, Frank Barney (c), Haswell C. Clarke, John K. Crowell, William Cleghorn, Gardner P. Comstock, John G. Culver (c), John B. Dusinbury, Albert Dickerson, James S. Forsyth (c), Fayett S. Hatch, Israel B. Hatch, John J. Hendricks, Christopher W. Knott, John F. Leonard, Lewis F. Lindsay (c), Melville F. Metz (c), Decatur Morgon (c), Robert S. Nickerbocker, Zenas E. Parker, Miehl C. Pierce (a), Lewis G. Reemer, Edwin D. Robbins (c), Benjamin W. Rives (c), Ryland D. Sherman, William A. Sibley, Ira W. Smith (c), Alexander H. South (c), Daniel C. Taylor, David B. Vaughan, Rev. John M. Whitehead, Henry O. Vanmeter (c).

ADMITTED.—Miehl C. Pierce.

DIMITTED.—John J. Moore.

DEAD.—Ira W. Smith, Sr.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	25
Created	11
Admitted	1
	— 37
Dimitted and dead	2
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Members, 1871	35

ST. PAUL COMMANDERY, No. 34, FAIRBURY.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Benjamin Edgar Robinson.....	Commander.
Sir Charles Marshall Duncan.....	Generalissimo.
" Nathaniel T. P. Robertson.....	Captain General.
" John Zimmerman.....	Prelate.
" Horace Mann Gillett.....	Senior Warden.
" Henry Remington.....	Junior Warden.
" James Ring, Jr.....	Treasurer.
" Smith Olney.....	Recorder.
" James B. T. Mann.....	Standard Bearer.
" Addison Archer.....	Sword Bearer.
" Irvin E. Bliss.....	Warder.
" James Ring, Sr.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir John J. Wright.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Addison J. Archer, Irvin E. Bliss, James T. Bullard, James Cairns, Samuel Crumpton, Benjamin Crumpton, Thomas W. Duffey (*a*), Charles M. Duncan, James H. Enslow, Horace M. Gillett, Harrison H. Hill, Robert B. Harrington, James B. F. Mann, Smith Olney (*c*), Jonathan Periam (*c*), Henry Remington, Benjamin E. Robinson, Nathaniel T. P. Robertson, James Ring, Sr., James Ring, Jr., Frederick Swift, Charles Weinland (*c*), John J. Wright, John Zimmerman.

ADMITTED.—Thomas W. Duffey.

EXPELLED.—Samuel Robert Roberts.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	21
Created.....	3
Admitted.....	1
	— 25
Expelled.....	1
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Members, 1871.....	24

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, No. 35, CHICAGO.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Edward Nelson Edwards.....	Commander.
Sir Francis Asbury Hayden.....	Generalissimo.
“ Louis Schaffner.....	Captain General.
“ Gilbert Wadsworth Barnard.....	Prelate.
“ Thomas Eaton Miller.....	Treasurer.
“ John Oscar Dickerson.....	Recorder.
“ Horace King Beecham.....	Senior Warden.
“ William Radcliffe Melville.....	Junior Warden.
“ Dennis Ward.....	Sword Bearer.
“ John Woodman.....	Standard Bearer.
“ Henry Turner.....	Warder.
“ John Porter Ferns.....	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Horace K. Beecham, Benjamin S. Bery, Frank S. Butler, Gilbert W. Barnard, George Black, Luther A. Beebe (*c*), John A. Crawford, George Chambers, Isaac F. Crosby, John Coulter (*c*), Max Chiprowsky (*c*), John O. Dickerson, Samuel Donaldson, David Dall, Edward N. Edwards, John P. Ferns, Francis A. Hayden, Hiram F. Holcomb, Henry E. Hamilton (*c*), James C. Heffern, Andrew Hilson (*c*), Martin Johnson (*c*), William Kerr, Frank Kalkebeck (*c*), Daniel Long, James W. Lawrence, Thomas E. Miller, William Millir (*c*), John P. McDermott, William C. McMillan (*c*), George Mowry, William R. Melville, Michael McNerney (*c*), James McIlwee (*c*), William Pingree, Charles C. Phillips, Peter Peterson, Stephen G. Pitkin, George C. Prussing, Thomas Quayle, Isaac S. Roseberry (*c*), Louis Schaffner, August Swartz, William D. Smith, James G. Savage, Charles J. Stromberg, Edgar Sanders (*c*), Otto Smith, Henry C. Stout (*c*), George L. Schuler (*c*), William H. Tunnicliff, Henry Turner, Alexander M. Thomson, William H. Thomas, Andrew M. Wood, John Woodman, Dennis Ward, Thomas Willis, A. S. Wadams (*c*), John S. White (*a*), Asa D. Waldron.

ADMITTED.—John S. White.

DEAD.—George W. Wood.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	46	
Created.....	16	
Admitted	1	
	<hr/>	63
Dead		1
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Members, 1871		62

BETHEL COMMANDERY, No. 36, ELGIN.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Samuel Albert French.....	Commander.
Sir Thomas Henry Foster.....	Generalissimo.
“ Thomas Edward Lawrence.....	Captain General.
“ Henry Brown Pierce.....	Prelate.
“ George DeForest Sherman.....	Senior Warden.
“ Wilson Jarvis Hunter.....	Junior Warden.
“ Malcolm McNiel.....	Treasurer.
“ Salem Everett Weld.....	Recorder.
“ Johnathan Tefft.....	Standard Bearer.
“ David Francesco Barclay.....	Sword Bearer.
“ John McNiel.....	Warder.
“ Marshall Nicholas Frederick.....	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

David F. Barclay, Patten S. Bartlett, Alonzo H. Barry, Alphonso Barto, Gilbert Cass (c), Anson L. Clark, Chas. O. Connell (c), Chas. W. Daniels (c), George W. Farron, Samuel A. French, Marshall N. Frederick, Horace French, James Flinn, Thomas H. Foster, Wilson J. Hunter, Smith Hoag, Melancthon W. Johnson, Thomas E. Lawrence, John A. Linnell, John H. Lakey, Nathan H. Larkin, Solomon K. Larkin, Molcolm McNiel, George H. Maule, John McNiel, Charles E. Mason, Walter L. Pease, Henry B. Pierce, George W. Renwick, Jared F. Spalding, Leander L. Shattuck, George D. Sherman, Jonathan Tefft, John Tye (c), Salem E. Weld, Benjamin C. Wilkins (c), George White.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	32
Created.....	5
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Members, 1871	37

MELITA COMMANDERY, No. 37, TUSCOLA.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Howell Lamb.....	Commander.
Sir John Ervin.....	Generalissimo.
" William Portens Cannon.....	Captain General.
" Derrick Lamb.....	Prelate.
" Albertus Hawkins Elkin.....	Senior Warden.
" George Luke Wicks.....	Junior Warden.
" James Byron Hart.....	Treasurer.
" Walter Burnham Dryer.....	Recorder.
" George C. Gill.....	Standard Bearer.
" Mannasseh Moore Lawson.....	Sword Bearer.
" Eleazur Turner Barrett.....	Warder.
" Charles Franklin Lamb.....	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Eleazur T. Barrett, Cornelius Bye (*c*), William P. Cannon, Isaac Cosler, Joseph G. Cannon (*c*), James Davis (*c*), Walter B. Dryer, Albertus H. Elkin, John Ervin, James B. Hart, Derrick Lamb, Charles F. Lamb, William H. Lamb, Manasseh M. Lawson, Thomas H. Macoughtry (*c*), Albert H. Pike (*c*), Orrin F. Place (*c*), Jacob W. Richards (*c*), Selden Richards (*c*), William H. Russell (*c*), Patrick C. Sloan (*c*), Thomas H. Smith (*c*), Edward A. Thieleus (*c*), George L. Wicks.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870.....	12
Created.....	12
Members, 1871.....	24

MT. OLIVET COMMANDERY, No. 38, PAXTON.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Solomon Jacob Toy	Commander.
Sir William Lewis	Generalissimo.
" George Jeremiah Shepardson	Captain General.
" Wilson Hoag	Prelate.
" Allen Shepardson	Senior Warden.
" Benjamin Franklin Mason	Junior Warden.
" Charles Henry Hawley	Treasurer.
" Norman Edmund Stevens	Recorder.
" Thomas Evans Barnhouse	Standard Bearer.
" Joshua Eaton Davis	Sword Bearer.
" William Noel	Warder.
" Tufee S. Johnson	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Thomas E. Barnhouse, Robert R. Crawford (*c*), Joshua E. Davis, Thomas P. Dudley (*c*), George W. Emery (*c*), Levi T. Hewins (*a*), Charles H. Hawley, Wilson Hoag, Finley McC. Hall (*c*), Tufee S. Johnson, William Lewis, Jonathan P. Middlecoff, (*c*), Benjamin F. Mason, Ransom R. Murdock (*c*), William Noel, Julius W. Scott, George J. Shepardson, Allen Shepardson, Norman E. Stevens, William C. Sawyer (*c*), Noah Shepardson (*c*), Solomon J. Toy.

ADMITTED.—Levi T. Hewins.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1870	13
Created	8
Admitted	1
Members, 1871	22

MT. PULASKI COMMANDERY, No. 39, MT. PULASKI.

Chartered October 24, 1871.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Jonathan Nelson Pumpelly.....	Commander.
Sir John Harrison Toole.....	Generalissimo.
" Robert Greene.....	Captain General.
" George W. Bright.....	Prelate.
" Alfred Lewis Gideon.....	Senior Warden.
" William Adam Schafer.....	Junior Warden.
" Joseph Wesley Ewing.....	Treasurer.
" Joseph Wesley Ewing.....	Recorder.
" John Quinlan.....	Standard Bearer.
" William Adam Schaffer.....	Sword Bearer.
" Samuel Lindmuth Beidler.....	Warder.
" William Adam Schafer.....	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Samuel L. Beidler, Joseph W. Ewing, Robert Greene, Alfred L. Gideon, Jonathan N. Pumpelly, Walter P. Sawyer (*c*), William A. Schafer, Isaac Tomlinson (*c*), John H. Toole, Edward B. Weakley (*c*), Gustav Weidenbacher (*c*), Albert C. Wilson (*c*).

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871..... 17

GALENA COMMANDERY, No. 40, GALENA.

Chartered October 24, 1871.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Corson Smith.....	Commander.
Sir Samuel Cook.....	Generalissimo.
" Simeon Kingsley Miner.....	Captain General.
" John M. Daggett.....	Prelate.
" Mortimer M. Wheeler.....	Senior Warden.
" John Olinger.....	Junior Warden.
" Charles S. Burns.....	Treasurer.
" Daniel LeBetter.....	Recorder.
" Robert Little.....	Standard Bearer.
" Smith D. Atkins.....	Sword Bearer.
" —————	Warder.
" —————	Captain of the Guards.

SIR KNIGHTS MEMBERS.

Smith D. Atkins, William R. Burkhard (*c*), Charles S. Burns, John C. Calderwood (*c*), Mahlin Coleman (*c*), Samuel Cook, John M. Daggett, Daniel LeBetter (*c*), Robert Little, Simeon K. Miner, John Olinger, William R. Rowley (*c*), John C. Smith, Daniel Stewart (*c*), Mortimer M. Wheeler.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871..... 15

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

OF ILLINOIS SINCE ITS FORMATION, OCTOBER 27, 1857.

GRAND COMMANDERS.

James V. Z. Blaney.....	1857-1858	George C. Lanphere.....	1866
Josiah Hunt.....	1859	Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	1867
Hosmer A. Johnson.....	1860-1861	Jerome R. Gorin.....	1868
George W. Deering.....	1862	Charles E. Munger.....	1869
William H. Turner.....	1863	John M. Pearson.....	1870
Nathan F. Prentice.....	1864	Wiley M. Egan.....	1871
Henry C. Ranney.....	1865		

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.

Clark B. Stebbins.....	1857	Perry A. Armstrong.....	1864
Josiah Hunt.....	1858	George C. Lanphere.....	1865
Hosmer A. Johnson.....	1859	Jerome R. Gorin.....	1866-1867
Nelson D. Elwood*.....	1860	Charles E. Munger.....	1868
Frank K. Hulburd*.....	1861	John M. Pearson.....	1869
William H. Turner.....	1862	Wiley M. Egan.....	1870
James H. Hibbard*.....	1863	Daniel Dustin.....	1871

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS.

Benjamin F. Barry.....	1857-1858	Jerome R. Gorin.....	1865
Nelson D. Elwood*.....	1859	William Rounseville.....	1866
Frank K. Hulburd*.....	1860	William E. Oven.....	1867
William H. Turner.....	1861	Andrew J. Dunning.....	1868
James H. Hibbard*.....	1862	Wiley M. Egan.....	1869
Nathan F. Prentice.....	1863	Daniel Dustin.....	1870
Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	1864	James A. Hawley.....	1871

* Deceased.

GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL.

Hosmer A. Johnson.....	1857-1858	William Rounseville.....	1865
Frank K. Hulburd*.....	1859	William E. Owen.....	1866
William H. Turner.....	1860	Charles E. Munger.....	1867
Dewitt C. Martin.....	1861	John M. Pearson.....	1868
Nathan F. Prentice.....	1862	Daniel Dustin.....	1869
Perry A. Armstrong.....	1863	James A. Hawley.....	1870
George C. Lanphere.....	1864	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1871

GRAND PRELATES.

Reuben Tayler.....	1857	Seymour Stover.....	1863-'64-'65-'66
James D. C. Locke.....	1858	Chas. A. Gilbert.....	1867-1871
John C. Rybolt.....	1859-'60-'61		

GRAND TREASURER.

Robert H. Foss.....	1857-1871
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GRAND RECORDERS.

William H. Turner.....	1857-1859	Henry C. Ranney.....	1861-1864
George W. Deering.....	1860	James H. Miles.....	1865-1871

GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.

Henry L. Gaines.....	1857	Charles Fisher.....	1864-1865
Isaac Underhill.....	1858	Charles E. Munger.....	1866
William W. Mitchell*.....	1859	John M. Pearson.....	1867
Dewitt C. Martin.....	1860	Daniel Dustin.....	1868
Perry A. Armstrong.....	1861	James A. Hawley.....	1869
Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1862	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1870
Jerome R. Gorin.....	1863	Theodore T. Gurney.....	1871

GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.

Dewitt C. Martin.....	1857	William E. Owen.....	1864-1865
Rodolphus Rouse.....	1858	John M. Pearson.....	1866
Dewitt C. Martin.....	1859	Andrew J. Dunning.....	1867
Perry A. Armstrong.....	1860	James A. Hawley.....	1868
Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1861	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1869
Jerome R. Gorin.....	1862	Theodore T. Gurney.....	1870
Charles Fisher.....	1863	Louis H. Jorgensen.....	1871

* Deceased.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Josiah Hunt.....	1857	John M. Pearson.....	1865
Nelson D. Elwood*.....	1858	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1866
Clark B. Stebbins.....	1859-1860	Daniel Dustin.....	1867
James H. Hibbard*.....	1861	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1868
Charles Fisher.....	1862	Theodore T. Gurney.....	1869
George C. Lanphere.....	1863	Louis H. Jorgensen.....	1870
John C. Baker.....	1864	Asa W. Blakesley.....	1871

GRAND SWORD BEARERS.

Isaac Underhill.....	1857	Thomas J. Wade.....	1865
Frank K. Hulburd*.....	1858	Andrew J. Dunning.....	1866
Perry A. Armstrong.....	1859	William D. E. Andrews.....	1867
James Newman.....	1860	Augustus S. Converse.....	1868
Jerome R. Gorin.....	1861	Louis H. Jorgensen.....	1869
Richard N. Goodsell.....	1862	Asa W. Blakesley.....	1870
John B. Peckham.....	1863	John F. Nash.....	1871
Clark B. Stebbins.....	1864		

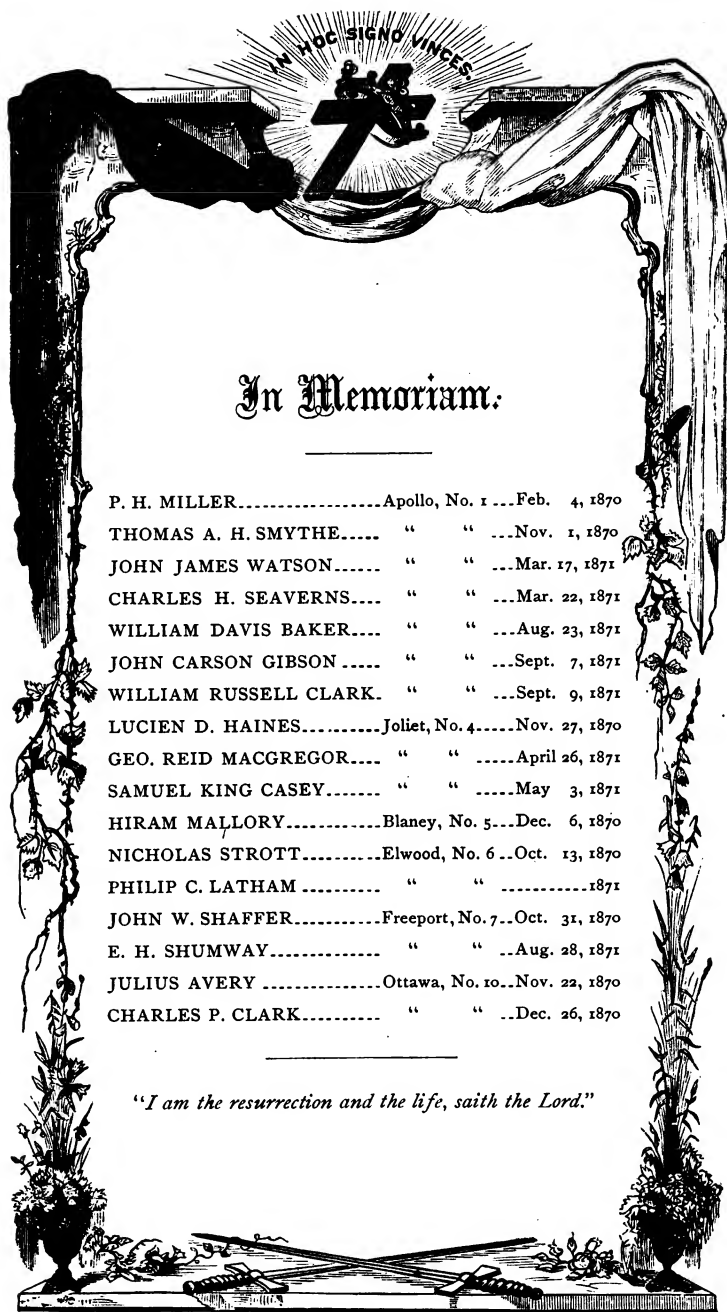
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Charles R. Starkweather*.....	1857	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	1865
William S. Brooks.....	1858	Daniel Dustin.....	1866
Harman G. Reynolds.....	1859	Augustus S. Converse.....	1867
James A. Thompson.....	1860	Louis H. Jorgensen.....	1868
John W. Spaulding*.....	1861	Asa W. Blakesley.....	1869
William E. Oven.....	1862	John F. Nash.....	1870
Lewis Keyon.....	1863	Charles H. Brower.....	1871
Lorenzo D. Cleveland.....	1864		

GRAND CAPTAINS OF THE GUARDS.

Ezra J. Higgins.....	1857-1858	Lockwood K. Osborn.....	1859-1871
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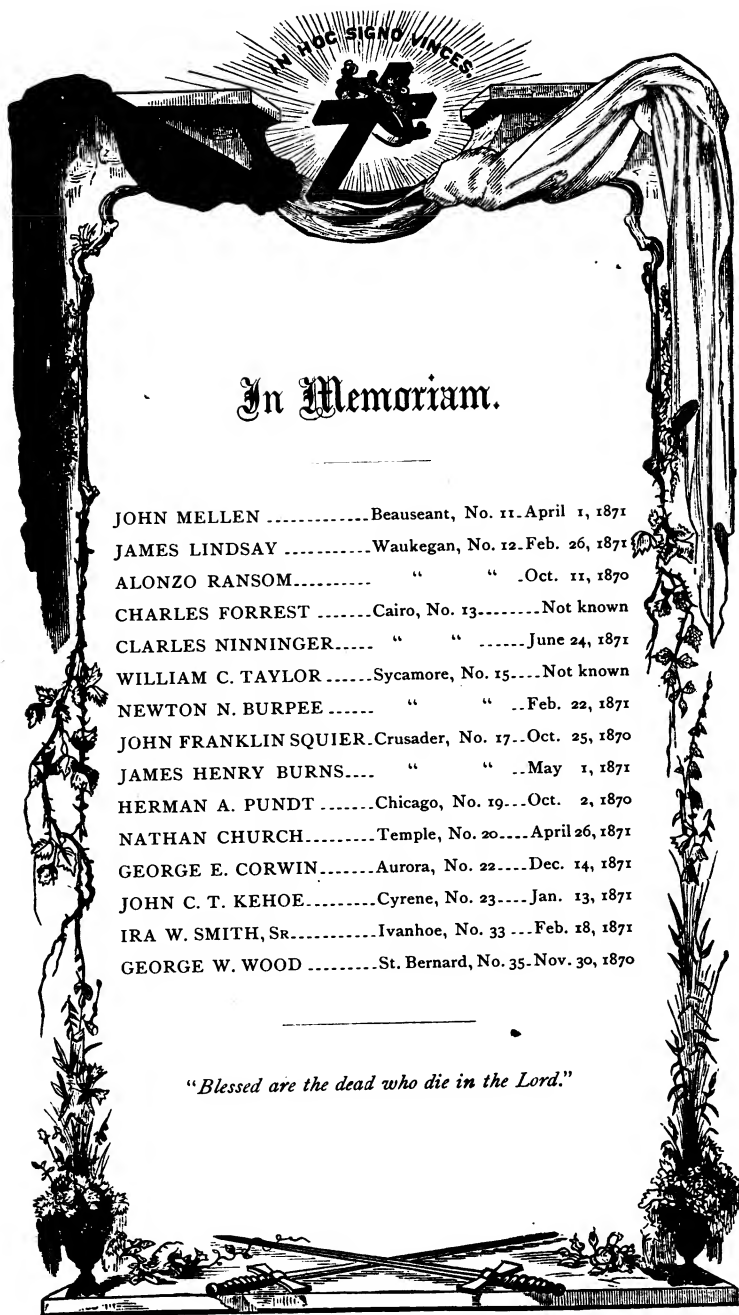
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In Memoriam.

P. H. MILLER.....	Apollo, No. 1	Feb. 4, 1870
THOMAS A. H. SMYTHE.....	" "	Nov. 1, 1870
JOHN JAMES WATSON.....	" "	Mar. 17, 1871
CHARLES H. SEAVERN.....	" "	Mar. 22, 1871
WILLIAM DAVIS BAKER.....	" "	Aug. 23, 1871
JOHN CARSON GIBSON	" "	Sept. 7, 1871
WILLIAM RUSSELL CLARK. "	" "	Sept. 9, 1871
LUCIEN D. HAINES.....	Joliet, No. 4	Nov. 27, 1870
GEO. REID MACGREGOR.....	" "	April 26, 1871
SAMUEL KING CASEY.....	" "	May 3, 1871
HIRAM MALLORY.....	Blaney, No. 5	Dec. 6, 1870
NICHOLAS STROTT.....	Elwood, No. 6	Oct. 13, 1870
PHILIP C. LATHAM	" "	1871
JOHN W. SHAFFER.....	Freeport, No. 7	Oct. 31, 1870
E. H. SHUMWAY.....	" "	Aug. 28, 1871
JULIUS AVERY	Ottawa, No. 10	Nov. 22, 1870
CHARLES P. CLARK.....	" "	Dec. 26, 1870

"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord."



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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Georgia	Sir Samuel P. Hamilton.
Kentucky	Sir A. G. Hodges.
Maine	Sir Josiah H. Drummond.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	Sir William S. Gardner.
Missouri	Sir George F. Gouley.
New Hampshire.....	Sir William Barrett.
New York.....	Sir John W. Simons.
Ohio.....	Sir Heman Ely.
Pennsylvania	Sir Alfred Creigh.
Tennessee	Sir John Zent.
Vermont	Sir John B. Hallenbeck.

APPOINTED NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

Georgia	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
Kentucky	Sir Charles E. Munger.
Louisiana	Sir Harman G. Reynolds.
Maine	Sir Charles M. Morse.
Missouri	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
New Hampshire.....	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
New York.....	Sir Harman G. Reynolds.
Ohio.....	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
Pennsylvania	Sir Harman G. Reynolds.
Tennessee	Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.
Vermont	Sir James H. Miles.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.—1870-74.

- M. E. Sir John Q. A. Fellows, of New Orleans, La. Grand Master.
- R. E. Sir James H. Hopkins, of Pittsburg, Pa. Deputy Grand Master.
- V. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, of Chicago, Ill. Grand Generalissimo.
- “ Benjamin Dean, of Boston, Mass. Grand Captain General.
- “ John W. Simons, of New York City, N. Y. Grand Treasurer.
- “ Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa City, Iowa. Grand Recorder.
- “ Irving M. Smith, of East Saginaw, Mich. Grand Senior Warden.
- “ William S. Patton, of Meriden, Miss. Grand Junior Warden.
- “ William W. Goodwin, of Camden, N. J. Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ Charles R. Woodruff, of Burlington, Vt. Grand Warder.

The next triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States,
will be held at New Orleans, La., on the first Tuesday of December, A. D. 1874.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*Revised September 18, A. D. 1856, with all Subsequent Amendments to the end of
the Eighteenth Triennial Session, September 22, 1871.*

ARTICLE I.

Of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SECTION I.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

I. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, is constituted as follows:

- I. The Grand Master.
- II. The Deputy Grand Master.
- III. The Grand Generalissimo.
- IV. The Grand Captain General.
- V. The Grand Prelate.
- VI. The Grand Senior Warden.
- VII. The Grand Junior Warden.
- VIII. The Grand Treasurer.
- IX. The Grand Recorder.
- X. The Grand Standard Bearer.
- XI. The Grand Sword Bearer.
- XII. The Grand Warder.
- XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guard.
- XIV. All Past Grand Masters.
- XV. All Past Deputy Grand Masters.
- XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
- XVII. All Past Grand Captains General of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

[The first nine of whom shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining four officers, tenth to thirteenth, inclusive, shall be appointed by the Grand Master. *See Amendment adopted Sept. 21, 1871.*]

LIKEWISE,

XVIII. All Grand Commanders.

XIX. All Past Grand Commanders.

XX. All Deputy Grand Commanders.

XXI. All Grand Generalissimos, and

XXII. All Grand Captains General of each State Grand Commandery that acknowledges the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

2. Each of the individuals above enumerated shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

LIKEWISE,

XXIII. The first three officers of each Commandery that holds its Charter immediately from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

3. These, or as many of them as may be present at any meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, shall be entitled collectively to one vote.

4. All officers of the late General Grand Encampment shall rank and have all the privileges of members of equal rank as provided for herein.

5. No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment of the United States, unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery under the general or immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.*

SECTION II.—PROXIES.

1. The first four officers named in Section I. of this Article; likewise, the first four officers of all State Grand Commanderies; likewise, the first three officers of all Subordinate Chartered Commanderies held under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, may appear and vote by *proxy*; said proxies being at the time of service members of Subordinate Commanderies, and producing properly authenticated certificates of their appointment.

SECTION III.—TITLES.

1. The title and designation of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, is *Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar*.

That of the Deputy Grand Master, *Right Eminent*.

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, *Very Eminent*.

* See Rule 18 of Grand Encampment in this edition, and page 70, Proceedings 1868.

SECTION IV.—MEETINGS.

1. The stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall occur triennially [on the *Second* (*First*, amendment Sept. 16, 1859,) *Tuesday of September*, at such places] AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE (amendment of Sept. 3, 1862) as may have been previously designated by the Standing Committee (see ART. FOURTH, Sec. IV., Rule 4), and approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

2. Special Meetings may be called by the Most Eminent Grand Master, at his discretion. And it shall be his duty, upon the requisition of the majority of the State Grand Commanderies, to him directed in writing, to call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

3. The Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

4. At the stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers, and of the State Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, under its immediate jurisdiction for the preceding three years.

5. They shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States, save and except a Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Captain of the Guards, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, to serve during the term of the office of the Grand Master making the appointment (see ART. FIRST, Sec. V., Div. 1.—2. Amendment Sept. 21, 1871.)

6. To adopt such Rules and Edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

7. To examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

8. To supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment.

9. To grant or withhold Warrants, Dispensations, and Charters for all new State Grand or Subordinate Commanderies (see ART. SECOND, Sec. I.—I, and ART. THIRD, Sec. I.—3).

10. For good cause, to revoke pre-existing Warrants, Charters, or Dispensations.

11. To assign the limits of the State Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

12. And, finally, to consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry.

13. No business shall be transacted at the called meetings, save that which was specified in the original summons.

14. At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes,

the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the vote is equally divided, he has the casting vote.

15. This Grand Encampment being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration therein : *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be maintained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor.

16. That right is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Masonic body.

SECTION V.—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

Division 1. The Grand Master.

1. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master, generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry. And as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional enactments, Rules, and Edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed.

And that the Dress, Work, and Discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform.

Among his special duties and prerogatives are the following :

2. [To appoint *the Prelate and the Grand Captain of the Guards, at the triennial meetings of the Grand Encampment*]. "TO APPOINT A GRAND PRELATE, GRAND STANDARD BEARER, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND WARDER, GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS, TO SERVE DURING THE TERM OF THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER MAKING THE APPOINTMENT." (See ART. FIRST, Sec. IV.—5). (Amendment September 21, 1871.)

3. To call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States. (See ART. FIRST, Sec. IV.—2.)

4. To visit and preside at any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, in the United States, and give such instruction or directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks.

5. To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds and securities of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. (See ART. FIRST, Sec. V., Div. 6.—4.)

6. To grant Letters of Dispensation during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the institution of new Commanderies (see ART. THIRD, Sec. I.—4), such Dispensations to be in force no longer than the next triennial meeting of that body, and promptly to notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said Letters of Dispensation.

7. To approve and grant Warrants during the recess of the Grand Encampment for the institution of State Grand Commanderies in States, Districts, or Territories, where the same have not been heretofore established. (See ART. SECOND, Sec. I.—1.)

8. To manage and control the contingent fund. (See ART. FOURTH, Sec. I.—9, 10.)

2. The Deputy Grand Master.

1. The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

3. The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General.

1. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Master in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

4. The Grand Treasurer.

1. The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest from time to time all such moneys as may come to his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment, but subject to call on thirty days' notice. And the same shall be at his command on the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment.

2. He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its triennial meetings, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received, the earnings thereon accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation.

3. Likewise, a copy of the same to the Grand Master, by the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions on account thereof as he may deem necessary.

4. He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the contingent fund by the Grand Master. (See ART. FOURTH, Sec. I.—9, 10.)

5. He shall carefully preserve, and render from time to time, as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Encampment, entrusted to his keeping. [Shall give bond, etc. (See Sec. V., Div. 6.—4.)]

5. The Grand Recorder.

1. The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenues of the Grand Encampment, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer whenever it reaches the sum of one hundred dollars. (See Amendment, ART. FOURTH, Sec. I.—1, 2.)

2. He shall render annually to the Grand Master and to the Grand Treasurer, copies of his accounts of all moneys received and expended by him—naming the sources from which they were received—bringing up said accounts to the first day of September.

3. Likewise, to the Grand Encampment, triennially, a general account of the same.

4. He shall forward to each newly constituted Commandery, immediately upon receiving official notice that a Dispensation has issued, a copy of this Constitution, together with whatever Rules and Edicts are in force.

5. He shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the second day of each triennial meeting, the names of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition (see ART. THIRD, Sec. IV., Div. 1.—2) to furnish him with its full triennial historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment.

6. He shall report annually, on the first day of September, to the Grand Master, the names of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition (see ART. THIRD, Sec. IV., Div. 2.—1, 2) to furnish him with its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Master. [Shall give bond, etc. (See Sec. V., Div. 6.—4.)]

7. He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects:

A. A REGISTER OF COMMANDERIES—to contain

- I. 1. The date of issuing every Warrant for a Grand Commandery.
2. The date of issuing every Dispensation, and
3. The date of issuing every Charter for a Subordinate Commandery. Granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin (1816).

II. 1. The Roll of Officers of the Grand Conclave of the Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar in England and Wales (1791).

2. The Roll of (a) Encampments [and Pories], (b) Officers, and (c) Members, of the "Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada" (1855-67), [and of the "Grand Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and the Hospital, for the Dominion of Canada," 1868-].

B. A REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

I. 1. The Roll of Officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., since the origin of the same.

II. 1. The Roll of (a) Officers and (b) Members of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

2. The Roll of Officers of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

With all the current changes resulting from dimissions, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths.

C. HISTORICAL DATA,

Tending to lighten up the history of Temple Masonry in the United States.

OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND COMMANDERIES.

I. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, a copy of all the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment since its organization.

II. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of all the Proceedings of Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

2. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the By-laws of all the Grand Commanderies.

3. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

I. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the By-Laws of all the Subordinate Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

2. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of each Subordinate Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

And to make a triennial report of his official acts.

6. The Remaining Officers.

1. The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment.

2. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Institution may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks.

3. In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

4. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond and securities, in such form and to such amount—but not less than double the estimated triennial receipts by either—as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and securities, and who shall keep and preserve the same.

5. Any Grand Officer, save as above excepted, coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE SECOND.

Of the State Grand Commanderies.

SECTION I.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. Whenever there shall be three or more Subordinate chartered Commanderies instituted or holden under this Constitution, in any one State, District, or Territory, in which a Grand Encampment has not been heretofore formed, a *Grand Commandery* may be formed, after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

2. Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden.

3. A State Grand Commandery consists of the following members [THE FIRST NINE OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED BY BALLOT, AND THE REMAINING FOUR OFFICERS—TENTH AND THIRTEENTH, INCLUSIVE—SHALL BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED, AS THE GRAND COMMANDERY MAY DIRECT. Amendment, September 21, 1871]:

- I. The Grand Commander.
- II. The Deputy Grand Commander.
- III. The Grand Generalissimo.
- IV. The Grand Captain General.
- V. The Grand Prelate.
- VI. The Grand Senior Warden.
- VII. The Grand Junior Warden.
- VIII. The Grand Treasurer.
- IX. The Grand Recorder.
- X. The Grand Standard Bearer.
- XI. The Grand Sword Bearer.
- XII. The Grand Warder, and
- XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guard.

LIKEWISE,

- XIV. All Past Grand Commanders [and Grand Masters.]
- XV. All Past Deputy Grand Commanders [and Deputy Grand Masters.]
- XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
- XVII. All Past Grand Captains General of the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of the Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

LIKEWISE,

- XVIII. The Commander.
- XIX. The Generalissimo, and
- XX. The Captain General of each Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

LIKEWISE,

XXI. All Past Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the same Grand Commanderies, so long as they remain members of Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

4. Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the State Grand Commandery.

5. No person shall be eligible to any office in a State Grand Commandery unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

6. The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both those States.*

SECTION II.—PROXIES.

1. Any officer specified in Section I. of this Article, save and except Past Commanders, may appear and vote *by proxy*, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same Subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

SECTION III.—TITLES.

1. The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery, is *Right Eminent*.

That of Deputy Grand Commander, *Very Eminent*.

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery, *Eminent*.

SECTION IV.—MEETINGS.

1. The stated meetings of a State Grand Commandery shall occur annually, at such time and place as said Grand Commandery in its discretion may direct.

2. Special meetings may be called by the Grand Commander, at his discretion.

3. The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

4. At the stated meetings of each Grand Commandery there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers and of the Subordinate Commanderies within its jurisdiction for the preceding year.

5. They shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Commandery; *provided*, that the Grand Standard Bearer, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Warder, and the Grand Captain of the Guard, may be elected or *appointed*, as the Grand Commandery may direct. (See ART. SECOND, Sec. I.—3.) Amendment, September 22, 1871.

**Resolved*, That the Grand Commandery of Virginia is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both the State of Virginia and West Virginia. Adopted September 22, 1871.

ADDRESS OF THE OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

1871-72.

- R. E. Sir Wiley Michael Egan, of Chicago.....Grand Commander.
 V. E. Sir Daniel Dustin, of Sycamore.....Deputy Grand Commander.
 E. Sir James Andrew Hawley, of Dixon.....Grand Generalissimo.
 " Hiram Warner Hubbard, of Centralia..Grand Captain General.
 Rev. E. Sir Charles Allen Gilbert, of Joliet.....Grand Prelate.
 E. Sir Theodore Tuthill Gurney, of Chicago...Grand Senior Warden.
 " Louis Henry Jorgensen, of Cairo.....Grand Junior Warden.
 " Robert Harris Foss, of Chicago.....Grand Treasurer.
 " James Hoge Miles, of Chicago.....Grand Recorder.
 " Asa Wellington Blakesley, of Quincy...Grand Standard Bearer.
 " John Fisk Nash, of Ottawa.....Grand Sword Bearer.
 " Charles Homan Brower, of Chicago....Grand Warder.
 " Lockwood Keeler Osborn, of Chicago..Grand Captain of the Guards.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. E. Sirs John M. Pearson, Charles E. Munger, and Jerome R. Gorin.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

E. Sirs James H. Miles, (Chicago), Harman G. Reynolds, and William S. Pease.

INSPECTOR GENERAL.

E. Sir Charles Homan Brower.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

SIR KNIGHTS:

In presenting to you the Proceedings of the fifteenth annual Conclave, an apology is due, in consequence of the late day on which it will reach your hands. This is owing partly to the delay in its preparation, and partly to the increased time in printing and electrotyping, but mainly to the increased labor late events have imposed on your Grand Recorder.

The fire of October 8th and 9th so deranged every department of business of our city, and destroyed so much that was valuable to the preparation of these Proceedings, that it has been like commencing anew, and yet I doubt not that the increased beauty of every department will in some measure compensate for the delay.

In the late conflagration, the printed Proceedings of the ten years from 1860 to 1870 were consumed by the devouring flames. I would therefore earnestly request all those Sir Knights having duplicate copies of those years, which they can spare, that they would forward them to me, at 49 South May street, Chicago.

To the Grand Recorders of the several jurisdictions I must also request, so far as they may be able, to supply the Proceedings of their Grand Commanderies from their organization, as all the bound volumes of their Proceedings, gotten up with much cost and labor, were also destroyed.

For these courtesies I will, so far as I am able, supply such copies of our Proceedings as I may have in my possession, as desired.

Courteously yours,

JAMES H. MILES,

Grand Recorder.





ADDRESSES.

Right Eminent Sir Wiley Michael Egan,

GRAND COMMANDER.

CHICAGO.

Eminent Sir James Hoge Miles,

GRAND RECORDER.

CHICAGO.

49 South May Street.

*The next annual Conclave (Sixteenth) will be held in the City of Chicago, on
Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, A. D. 1872, A. O. 754, at 10 o'clock A. M.*

Grand Commandery.



1872.



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GRAND COMMANDERY

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, assembled at their Sixteenth Annual Conclave, in the Hall of Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, in the city of Chicago, on Tuesday, the 22d day of October, Anno Domini 1872, Anno Ordinis 754, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir WILEY MICHAEL EGAN.....	Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir DANIEL DUSTIN	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir JAMES ANDREW HAWLEY	Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir HIRAM WARNER HUBBARD	Grand Captain General.
E. Sir ROBERT LANG McKINLAY as.....	Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir LOUIS HENRY JORGENSEN	Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir JAMES HOGE MILES.....	Grand Recorder.
E. Sir ASA WELLINGTON BLAKESLEY ..	Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir JOHN FISK NASH.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir CHARLES HOMAN BROWER	Grand Warden.
E. Sir LOCKWOOD KEELER OSBORN	Grand Captain Guards.

And the representatives of thirty-six Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois was opened in Ample and Knightly Form by the R. E. Grand Commander, assisted by the Grand Officers and Sir Knights present, with the usual devotional exercises at the Altar.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the reading of the records of the last Annual Conclave be dispensed with (printed copies being in the hands of the Sir Knights present).

Voted, That all Sir Knights in good standing in the Order be invited to take seats in this Grand Conclave as visitors.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees :

On Credentials—Sirs James H. Miles, S. C. Stearns, and Jabez Brewster.

On Visitors—Sirs A. A. Murray, W. W. Patch, and J. R. Porter.

On Doings of Grand Officers—Sirs John C. Smith, P. W. Barclay, and G. D. Hayden.

On Charters and Dispensations—Sirs C. W. McLain, R. P. Denker, and Peter Sonne.

On Finance and Accounts—Sirs W. A. Levanway, W. J. McKim, and J. Crawford.

On Grievances—Sirs J. B. Nulton, E. B. Myers, and E. E. Thomas.

On Unfinished Business—Sirs A. R. Atkins, P. B. Updike, and R. McGuire.

On Mileage and Per Diem—Sirs R. L. McKinlay, H. C. Cleveland, and L. D. Romberger.

On Masonic Correspondence—Sirs James H. Miles, H. G. Reynolds, and W. S. Pease.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—Sirs John M. Pearson, Chas. E. Munger, and J. R. Gorin.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered his annual address as follows :

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Once more in Knightly Conclave assembled we meet, to review the past, discuss the present, and provide for the future.

With Knightly courtesy we greet each other, with Knightly prudence ponder the needs of our brethren and our Order, with Knightly generosity relieve the suffering and the distressed, and with Knightly hospitality we renew that social and fraternal intercourse which begets those intimate relations in which through which are developed the loftiest sentiments and the brightest virtues. We step for a little while out of the daily round of toil and care, and enter a charmed circle where we clasp hands with each other like true brethren, and breathe the only name which is a harbinger of peace to way-worn and weary souls. We reverently bow only that we may stand the more erect, and renew the ties that bind us, that in union we may find our greatest strength.

The year just passed has been an uneventful one in the history of our Order in this jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Galena Commandery, which at the last annual Conclave was referred to me, with power to act, I deemed it to the interest of the order in that locality, that the organization be perfected, and accordingly, having found everything regular, on November 14 I directed a charter to be issued to the Sir Knights comprising that Commandery, as Galena Commandery, No. 40, and on December 23 I issued to Eminent Sir Edward L. Cronkrite of Freeport Commandery, No. 7, my proxy, authorizing him to constitute said Galena Commandery and install its officers.

I also, on December 28, issued to Eminent Sir Augustus A. Murray, of Beaumanoir Commandery, No. 9, my proxy, authorizing him to constitute Mt. Pulaski Commandery, No. 39, and install its officers.

In the strength of our order a healthy and, I doubt not, a permanent growth has been developed.

On the 1st day of the present year I issued to Sir Thomas Moore and other Knights of that vicinity, a dispensation to form and open a Commandery at Metropolis, Massac County, to be known as Gethsemane Commandery. This dispensation was issued on the recommendation of Cairo Commandery, No. 13.

On the 13th day of February I issued to Sir Luther Dearborn and other Knights of that vicinity, a dispensation to form and open a Commandery at Havana, Mason County, to be known as Havana Commandery. The recommendation in this case came from Peoria Commandery, No. 3.

But two special dispensations have been issued by me. One was to Melita Commandery, No. 37, authorizing the conferring of the orders upon Companion Henry Clay Sluss, irrespective of the by-laws of that Commandery, which the special circumstances of the case seemed to warrant. The other was to Joliet Commandery, No. 4, authorizing that body to meet at any suitable place in the city of Joliet. This was rendered necessary because of a fire which, on July 26th, destroyed the hall of that Commandery and all of its property.

On the 2d day of March, in response to a communication from him upon that subject, I recommended to Eminent Sir Charles H. Brower, our accomplished Inspector General, that he revise the very excellent and popular manual of the drill of the order, some time since prepared and published by him. A reason for this was found in the fact that nearly if not all the copies for sale in Chicago at that time, as well as the stereotype plates of the work, were destroyed in the conflagration of October last.

From the report of the Inspector General, herewith submitted, it will be seen that the revision has been completed, and the manual is now to be had by all who may desire it, and I cordially endorse the recommendation contained in that report.

No case of discipline in a Commandery has come to my knowledge, and only two matters have been submitted to me involving any opinion on mooted questions. In the one case a companion in good standing in his Chapter, but not affiliated with any Lodge, petitioned for the orders, and a question arose as to whether he was eligible. My reply was, that if the petitioner were a Royal Arch Mason in good standing the matter of his connection with a Lodge could

cut no figure. In the other case I was asked whether a Sir Knight expelled from his Chapter stood expelled from his Commandery; to which I replied that he did, and take the liberty to refer you to the following Edict (16) of the Grand Encampment, adopted September 18, 1868, to wit: "The forfeiture of grade standing resulting from the suspension or expulsion of a Knight Templar from a Lodge or Chapter deprives him of all the rights and privileges he had gained and necessarily degrades him from the order of Knighthood."

In our relations with our sister jurisdictions we are exceedingly happy. The custom of appointing representatives near the Grand East of other jurisdictions seems to be growing in favor, and cannot but be regarded as a very pleasant recognition, as well of eminence in the order of those Sir Knights to whom appointment is tendered, as of that fraternal unity which is exemplified and strengthened whenever and wherever intimate relations are established among the members of our order.

In accordance with this custom, I have appointed R. E. Pitkin C. Wright De Witt, Iowa, representative of this body near the Grand East of Iowa; M. Henry L. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, representative near the Grand East of Wisconsin; R. E. A. S. Richardson, of Houston, Texas, representative near the Grand East of Texas, and E. William G. Benbrook, of Natchez, Mississippi, representative near the Grand East of Mississippi. I do not doubt that in due time these jurisdictions will be represented near our own body, and their representatives duly honored.

This brief record of my official acts will, I trust, reflect no discredit either upon you or myself.

I will, on this subject, only add a recommendation that Charters be issued to the two Commanderies under dispensation, if found entitled to receive them, and would also recommend that a duplicate Charter be issued to Joliet Commandery No. 4, without charge, the original having been destroyed in the fire to which it has before referred.

At the last Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment, an amendment to the Constitution of that body was adopted, adding to Article IV, Section 1 (specifying the "Fees, Dues and Finances"), two paragraphs, as follows:

(1.) "The State Grand Commanderies in such manner as they may respectively determine, shall annually collect and pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, an amount equal to *five cents* for each Sir Knight returning as a member of their respective subordinate Commanderies, at the meeting of the Grand Commandery preceding August the first in each year."

(2.) "This fund, with the returns of the Grand Commandery, as required by Article Second, Section V, Division 4, (1), (2), (3), shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of August in each year."

I direct your attention to this matter, that you may make provision for payment due from this Grand Commandery.

At the last annual Conclave a resolution was adopted, placing in my hands the sum of one thousand dollars, as a relief fund for the Sir Knights needing

assistance on account of the then late fire in Chicago, and another donating one thousand dollars to Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and five hundred dollars to St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, to assist those bodies in providing for themselves new places of meeting. In order to meet these matters I was obliged to borrow, and did borrow, from the Grand Lodge of Masons of Illinois, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable October 1st, 1873, with interest at ten per cent. per annum from October 1st, 1872. By reference to the official reports of this body it will be seen that the number of Sir Knights in this jurisdiction is such, that an assessment of one dollar *per capita*, if collected, would pay the debt, and in view of the fact that the annual assessment by this body is only sufficient to pay its current expenses, I take the liberty of recommending, that an additional sum of one dollar for each Sir Knight reported, be levied and collected, and the debt at once extinguished.

I have already referred to the resolution constituting me the custodian of your generous benefaction for the relief of Sir Knights suffering from the great fire of October last, and my report would lack completeness, as well as fail in a just recognition of a most notable instance of the manifestation of the greatest of all virtues, should I neglect to give an account of my stewardship in that relation.

The appointment by you of a Committee to receive and disburse such contributions as should be made by Grand or Subordinate Commanderies, and Sir Knights individually, for that purpose, of course relieved me very much, and the amount placed in my hands by your resolution went at once into the hands of that Committee. A circular was prepared by the Committee, and forwarded to the Recorder of each Grand Commandery in the United States, and of the Grand Encampment, and all that seemed proper or necessary to bring the matter before our brethren was done. The report of the Committee will fully inform you of all the particulars, but I may be pardoned for stating the amounts received from the various quarters. They were as follows :

Grand Commandery of Illinois.....	\$1,000 00
Illinois Commanderies and individual Sir Knights.....	507 60
Pennsylvania	271 00
Minnesota	100 00
Vermont	67 50
Iowa	88 50
Virginia	100 00
Delaware	100 00
Ohio	87 50
Making a total of.....	\$2,322 10

In dispensing this charity the Committee found themselves under no little embarrassment. While many of our order here were made almost or altogether penniless by the great calamity, almost none presented themselves as applicants for relief. It would ill become me to say, that the feeling on the part of needy Sir Knights which prevented them from voluntarily seeking a share of that provision which the bounty of their brethren had made for them, was one of false delicacy, but the fact existed and the feeling must be met.

The Committee accordingly appointed Sir Knight Erastus N. Tucker, Apollo Commandery, No. 1, as their agent to seek out sufferers and dispense suitable relief, and we found in him an able, willing and diligent assistant. Through his efforts many needy ones were found, of whom we should otherwise never have known, and such assistance rendered as each case seemed to require. That it was received with grateful hearts you may well believe, and of such charity it may justly be said, that "it blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

I will only add, that our grateful acknowledgments are due to our brethren in other jurisdictions who so nobly came to the relief of the distressed, and enabled us so effectually to "succor the needy and bind up the wounds of the afflicted."

At our meeting a year ago there hung over us the shadow of a great calamity involving many of our brethren in pecuniary loss and bodily suffering. The great city, in which we all, as citizens of Illinois, felt a common and a just pride, sat literally in dust and ashes. Bowed down, but not broken, she has risen again clothed in a marvelous beauty, and now takes her place far in advance of what she had ever before attained.

Much of this is due to individual and united energy and enterprise, much to her favored situation, and much to the general prosperity of our beloved land. We may, indeed, be proud of what has been accomplished so well and in so short a time, but can man justly say, "the strength of my hand and the might of my arm hath done this?" A just pride we may feel in what has been given us, but let us not forget the gracious Giver. "*Non nobis Domine! non nobis, sed Nomini tuo da Gloriam!*"

And now, Sir Knights, with many thanks for the honors you have so generously bestowed upon me, and for your kind co-operation and assistance which has aided me so much in the proper discharge of the duties of my office, I return that office to your hands, bidding you, one and all, a hearty Godspeed.

WILEY M. EGAN,
Grand Commander.

On motion,

Voted, That the address of the R. E. Grand Commander and the report of the Inspector General be received and referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF TEMPLARS, ILLINOIS
Chicago, October 14th, A. D. 1872, A. O. 754.

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT WILEY MICHAEL EGAN,
Grand Commander of Templars,
State of Illinois:

I respectfully submit the following brief report of my official duties since the last Conclave of the Grand Commandery. In so doing I am happy to announce that harmony prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction, and, so far as I can

learn, our subordinate Commanderies, with few exceptions, are in the most efficient and flourishing condition. I have not been officially called upon to visit and inspect but one Commandery during the past Templar year, and from this fact premise that the information so generously imparted by the Grand Commandery to every subordinate in its jurisdiction in a measure dispenses with official visitation; yet I have the pleasure to report as follows:

On the 11th of October, inst., I visited Blaney Commandery, No. 5, Morris; was cordially received and welcomed; found the Commandery occupying convenient and comfortable apartments, and provided with everything in the way of paraphernalia; witnessed the officers confer the order of Knight of the Red Cross upon three companions, as also subsequently the order of Knights Templar upon one of the same candidates; imparted such information as was requisite; was agreeably surprised at the efficiency of its officers, and gratified to observe the interest manifested by its members. Circumstances, you are aware, had combined to prevent, for a time, the progress of work in this Commandery, but I am now able to state that a change has taken place, and under the command of Eminent Sir Charles Henry Goold it will assume a proud position among the active Commanderies of this jurisdiction.

I had also, on this visitation, the pleasure of greeting a little band of valiant Templars from Joliet, No. 4, under the guiding hand of their Commander, Eminent Sir Richard Peter Denker, who, with their usual courtesy, assisted in making the occasion truly Knightly by their presence.

I should do injustice to the Sir Knights of Blaney did I omit to acknowledge the generous hospitality and courtesy received at their hands.

I have also to report that our Commanderies being in possession of all esoteric and exoteric information, there is no reason why our work may not now be considered uniform throughout this grand jurisdiction.

In this connection I also desire to state that, agreeable to your orders, I revised and rearranged the "Templar Manual," and caused it to be republished for the Grand Commandery at one-half its former cost, and would suggest that each of our subordinate Commanderies be placed in possession of sufficient copies of the "Manual" as will enable the officers to perform the opening and closing ceremonies as required.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES HOMAN BROWER,

Inspector General.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Credentials would report that the following Grand Officers and Representatives are entitled to seats in this Grand Conclave, viz :

GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan.....	Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir Daniel Dustin	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir James A. Hawley	Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir Hiram W. Hubbard.....	Grand Captain General.
E. Sir Theodore T. Gurney	Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir Louis H. Jorgensen.....	Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir Robert H. Foss.....	Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir James H. Miles	Grand Recorder.
E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley	Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir John F. Nash	Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir Charles H. Brower.....	Grand Warden.
E. Sir Lockwood K. Osborn.....	Grand Captain of the Guard.
E. Sir Charles H. Brower.....	Inspector General.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	P. G. Commande
R. E. Sir Jerome R. Gorin	P. G. Commande
R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger	P. G. Commande
R. E. Sir John M. Pearson.....	P. G. Commande

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES.

R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, for Ohio, Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia, and New Hampshire.
E. Sir James H. Miles, for Vermont and Iowa.
E. Sir Charles M. Morse, for Maine.
E. Sir Charles H. Brower, for Texas.
R. E. Sir Jerome R. Gorin, for Kansas.
E. Sir James A. Hawley, for Mississippi.
R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger, for Kentucky.

PAST COMMANDERS.

R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	Apollo, No. 1.
E. Sir Theodore T. Gurney.....	Apollo, No. 1.
E. Sir Charles H. Brower.....	Apollo, No. 1.

E. Sir Eugene B. Myers.....	Apollo, No. 1.
E. Sir John M. Pearson.....	Belvidere, No. 2.
E. Sir Samuel C. Stearns.....	Joliet, No. 4.
R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger.....	Joliet, No. 4.
E. Sir William Lavery.....	Elwood, No. 6.
E. Sir Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport, No. 7.
R. E. Sir Jerome R. Gorin.....	Beaumanoir, No. 9.
E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley.....	Beauseant, No. 11.
R. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan.....	Chicago, No. 19.
E. Sir Levi R. Jerome.....	Temple, No. 20.
E. Sir Wm. A. Levanway.....	Dixon, No. 21.
E. Sir Charles M. Morse.....	Hospitaler, No. 31.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Apollo, No. 1.—James H. Miles, Commander; George R. Chittenden, Generalissimo; Charles H. Brower, Captain General.

Belvidere, No. 2.—George D. Hayden, Commander and proxy for Captain General.

Peoria, No. 3.—John Dickinson, proxy for Commander; Louis Furst, proxy for Generalissimo; John Dickinson, Captain General.

Joliet, No. 4.—William F. Saylor, proxy for Commander; William A. Steel, Generalissimo; William F. Saylor, Captain General.

Blaney, No. 5.—Charles H. Goold, Commander; Robert B. Horrie, Captain General.

Elwood, No. 6.—Robert L. McGuire, Commander.

Freeport, No. 7.—William J. McKim, Commander; Loyal L. Munn, proxy for Generalissimo.

Galesburg, No. 8.—William W. Patch, Commander.

Beaumanoir, No. 9.—Augustus A. Murray, Commander.

Ottawa, No. 10.—John F. Nash, Commander; David Walker, Generalissimo; Edward H. Smith, Captain General.

Beauseant, No. 11.—Granville M. Evatt, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

Waukegan, No. 12.—Daniel Brewster, Commander.

Cairo, No. 13.—George E. Lounsbury, proxy for Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General.

Gorin, No. 14.—Henry M. Eidson, Generalissimo, and proxy for Commander and Captain General.

Sycamore, No. 15.—Daniel Dustin, Commander.

Urbana, No. 16.—Not represented.

Crusader, No. 17.—John R. Porter, Commander; Horace Chandler, Generalissimo; James H. Manny, Captain General.

Everts, No. 18.—Henry C. Cleveland, Commander; Samuel Crossly, proxy for Generalissimo.

Chicago, No. 19.—Arthur R. Atkins, Commander; Wm. H. Woodbury, Generalissimo.

Temple, No. 20.—Levi R. Jerome, proxy for Commander and Captain General; Luther D. Romberger, proxy for Generalissimo.

Dixon, No. 21.—William A. Levanway, proxy for Commander.

Aurora, No. 22.—William H. Barrett, proxy for Commander.

Cyrene, No. 23.—Henry L. Rhodes, Generalissimo, and proxy for Commander and Captain General.

DeMolay, No. 24.—Jabez Brewster, Captain General, and proxy for Commander.

Calvary, No. 25.—Edwin E. Thomas, Commander.

St. John, No. 26.—Peter Sonne, Generalissimo, and proxy for Commander.

Palestine, No. 27.—Robert L. McKindlay, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo; Silas W. Calvin, proxy for Captain General.

Bethany, No. 28.—Robert L. Gilmore, Generalissimo, and proxy for Commander and Captain General.

Hugh De Payens, No. 29.—Jerome B. Nulton, Commander, and proxy for Captain General; Henry C. Sieverling, proxy for Generalissimo.

St. Omer, No. 30.—Pierson B. Updike, proxy for Commander and Captain General.

Hospitaller, No. 31.—Calvin W. McLain, Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo; Charles H. Howard, proxy for Captain General.

Almoner, No. 32.—Henry G. Dearborn, Commander; Jonathan J. French, proxy for Generalissimo; A. S. McDowell, proxy for Captain General.

Ivanhoe, No. 33.—Haswell C. Clarke, Commander; Fayette S. Hatch, proxy for Captain General.

St. Paul, No. 34.—Nathaniel T. P. Robertson, Commander.

St. Bernard, No. 35.—Edward N. Edwards, Commander; John A. Crawford, Generalissimo; Henry Turner, Captain General.

Bethel, No. 36.—Not represented.

Melita, No. 37.—Not represented.

Mt. Olivet, No. 38.—Wilson Hoag, proxy for Commander and Generalissimo ; Benjamin F. Mason, Captain General.

Mt. Pulaski, No. 39.—Jonathan Pumpelly, Commander.

Galena, No. 40.—John Corson Smith, Commander.

All of which is courteously submitted.

JAMES H. MILES,
SAMUEL C. STEARNS, } Committee.
JABEZ BREWSTER, }

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual accounts, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

R. H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with the GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

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1871.		
Oct. 24.	To cash balance on hand.....	\$2,684 47
1872.		
Oct. 22.	To cash received of Grand Recorder.....	3,318 00
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1871.		
Oct. 24.	By paid Mileage and Per Diem.....	\$ 799 80
"	" J. H. Miles (Expense Acc't).....	221 38
"	" J. H. Miles (as Grand Recorder)	500 00
"	" L. K. Osborn (Grand Captain of Guards).....	20 00
"	" J. J. French (Organist).....	10 00
"	" J. M. Pearson (Rep. Grand Enc.).....	50 00
"	" E. B. Myers (Rep. Grand Enc.).....	50 00
"	" J. V. LeMoine (Rep. Grand Enc.).....	50 00
"	" H. W. Hubbard (Rep. Grand Enc.).....	50 00
"	" J. M. Pearson, Grand Commander (Exp.)	25 00
1872.		
May 22.	" Horton & Leonard (Printing).....	640 84
Oct. 22.	By balance cash on hand.....	3,585 45
		<hr/> \$6,002 47
Oct. 22.	To balance cash on hand.....	\$3,585 45

All of which is courteously submitted,

ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Grand Recorder would report that one thousand (1,000) copies of your last Annual Conclave were printed, and the usual number of copies distributed.

The Proceedings of other State Grand Commanderies received in exchange have been placed in the hands of the Committee on Correspondence.

Since the last Annual Conclave, but one order, amounting to six hundred and forty and $\frac{84}{100}$ dollars (\$640.84), in favor of Horton & Leonard, for printing Proceedings of 1871, has been drawn on the Grand Treasurer.

I have paid out for the Grand Commandery, as per bills and account herewith rendered, seven hundred and seventy-seven and $\frac{88}{100}$ dollars (\$777.88)—an amount rendered unusually large in consequence of the great quantity of matter destroyed in the fire of October last.

I would advise that some plan be adopted to reprint the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery for the years 1861 to 1869 inclusive, every copy of which was destroyed by fire ; and although the request was made last year for the return of such duplicate numbers as were in the hands of Sir Knights, yet no one copy has been so far returned.

I would also advise that some more stringent regulation be adopted in regard to returns made by the several Subordinates, as regards the time returns should be made, many being retained until the day of the meeting of the Grand Commandery, when your Grand Recorder is so engaged that he cannot give them proper attention, and also many of them so imperfect that they ought in justice to be returned for correction.

The returns of your several Subordinates have, so far as I have been able, been carefully examined, and I herewith present the following table of statistics

GRAND RECORDER'S SCHEDULE.

SUBORDINATES.	MEMBERS—1871.	MEMBERS—1872.	CREATED.	ADMITTED.	PREVIOUSLY ADMITTED.	LIMITED.	SUSPENDED.	DEGRADED.	REINSTATED.	DECEASED.	RECEIPTS.
Apollo, No. 1.....	338	348	15	1	-----	5	-----	-----	1	2	\$363 00
Belvidere, No. 2.....	43	43	2	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	1	45 00
Peoria, No. 3.....	69	65	5	3	-----	10	2	-----	-----	-----	71 00
Joliet, No. 4.....	112	124	13	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	137 00
Blaney, No. 5.....	26	31	4	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	35 00
Elwood, No. 6.....	106	106	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	101 00
Freeport, No. 7.....	78	78	6	-----	-----	3	2	-----	1	-----	84 00
Galesburg, No. 8.....	49	49	1	1	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	50 00
Beaumanoir, No. 9.....	69	63	1	-----	-----	6	-----	-----	1	-----	64 00
Ottawa, No. 10.....	68	65	2	-----	-----	4	1	-----	-----	-----	67 00
Beauseant, No. 11.....	97	101	6	1	-----	2	-----	-----	1	-----	107 00
Waukegan, No. 12.....	44	43	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	43 00
Caïro, No. 13.....	40	36	1	3	-----	8	-----	-----	-----	-----	37 00
Gorin, No. 14.....	50	54	4	1	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	58 00
Sycamore, No. 15.....	84	90	7	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	97 00
Urbana, No. 16.....	52	51	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	-----	52 00
Crusader, No. 17.....	66	84	18	2	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	102 00
Everts, No. 18.....	36	42	8	-----	-----	1	-----	1	-----	-----	50 00
Chicago, No. 19.....	181	200	19	2	-----	1	1	-----	-----	-----	219 00
Temple, No. 20.....	40	43	5	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	1	-----	48 00
Dixon, No. 21.....	63	67	6	-----	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	73 00
Aurora, No. 22.....	100	111	14	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	2	-----	125 00
Cyrene, No. 23.....	34	35	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	36 00
De Molay, No. 24.....	84	80	-----	-----	-----	4	-----	-----	-----	-----	80 00
Calvary, No. 25.....	60	62	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	65 00
St. John, No. 26.....	22	24	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	27 00
Palestine, No. 27.....	45	49	4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	53 00
Bethany, No. 28.....	30	31	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	32 00
Hugh De Payens, No. 29.....	38	44	7	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	1	-----	51 00
St. Omer, No. 30.....	37	35	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	2	-----	37 00
Hospitaller, No. 31.....	91	93	5	-----	-----	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	98 00
Almoner, No. 32.....	64	73	11	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	1	-----	84 00
Ivanhoe, No. 33.....	35	35	-----	1	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	35 00
St. Paul, No. 34.....	24	32	9	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	41 00
St. Bernard, No. 35.....	62	74	12	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	86 00
Bethel, No. 36.....	37	40	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	43 00
Melita, No. 37.....	24	29	5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mt. Olivet, No. 38.....	22	24	4	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	1	-----	29 00
Mt. Pulaski, No. 39.....	5	15	3	-----	7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18 00
Galena, No. 40.....	6	25	16	-----	9	6	-----	-----	-----	-----	41 00
Gethsemane, U. D.....	-----	17	8	-----	9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	25 00
Dispensation Fee.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	90 00
Havana, U. D.....	-----	15	7	-----	8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	22 00
Dispensation Fee.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	90 00
1871.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Galena, No. 40.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12 00
Everts, No. 18.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	42 00
St. Paul, No. 34.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	27 00
Elwood, No. 6.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	114 00
Gorin, No. 14.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7 00
SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Melita, No. 16.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5 00
Total.....	2,531	2,726	242	17	33	67	8	2	1	21	\$3,318 00

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	
Gain—Created	242
Admitted	50
Reinstated	1
Less—Dimitted	67
Suspended	8
Degraded	2
Deceased	21

Members, 1872

\$3,318.

CHICAGO, October 22, 1872

Received of James H. Miles, Grand Recorder (\$3,318), thirty-three hundred and eighteen dollars, for dues, at the Annual Conclave for 1872.

ROBERT H. FOSS, *Grand Treasurer*

All of which is courteously submitted.

JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Recorder*

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

WITH JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Secretary*

1871.	DR.	
Nov. 24.	To paid J. W. Middleton & Co.	\$13 50
1872.		
June 12.	" Geo. L. Schuler, kalsomining	17 25
28.	" Mrs. McCann, cleaning room	4 25
Sept. 25.	" Dean Bro. & H.	3 55
26.	" A. L. Hale & Bro.	9 60
Oct. 17.	" J. W. Shinkle, rent No. 2	150 00
17.	" Table	15 00
19.	" J. W. Middleton & Co.	3 50
19.	" Seavey & Co.	46 45
21.	" Horton & Leonard	3 00
21.	" Half ton coal	5 00
		<hr/> \$27
	CR.	
	By cash received for 6 months' rent of room	\$162 50
	" two-thirds charged to account of Grand Chapter	72 40
	" One-third charged to account of Grand Commandery	36 20
		<hr/> \$27

Grand Commandery of Illinois :

In account with JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Recorder.*

Dr.

1871.			
Nov. 30.	To paid Horton & Leonard.....	\$21 00	
Dec. 30.	" " " ".....	81 00	
1872.			
May 1.	" " " ".....	130 00	
July 30.	" " " ".....	48 50	
Oct. 1.	" " " ".....	31 75	
21.	" " " ".....	17 50	
Sept. 4.	" Geo. McElwain.....	60 00	
Oct. 22.	" C. H. Brower.....	303 75	
July 1.	" Blank book.....	2 25	
Oct. 21.	" $\frac{1}{2}$ Expense Account.....	36 20	
21.	" Spittoon.....	60	
22.	" Postage and Express.....	45 33	
			\$777 88

The following communication from Messrs. Copelin & Son was read, received, and so far as practicable accepted :

CHICAGO, *October 21st, 1872.*

WILEY M. EGAN,

R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois :

As we understand that the Knights Templar of the State of Illinois are now in session in their annual convention in this city, we would be pleased to have each and all of the Knights call upon us at such time as may best suit their own convenience, and we will take pleasure in presenting them each with a dozen of our new Berlin finish photographs.

COPELIN & SON, *Photographers,*

244 W. Washington Street, Chicago.

E. Sir Charles H. Brower presented his credentials, with the following remarks, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas, near the Grand Commandery of Illinois, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as said Representative.

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER :

I am charged with the pleasing duty to convey to the Grand Commandery of Illinois the Knightly greeting of the Grand Commandery of Texas, with the assurance that the relations now entered into will serve to unite these Grand Jurisdictions in closer bonds of confraternity, and promote the greater welfare of Christian and Chivalric Masonry.

I am gratified to be able to announce that the Banner of the Cross waves triumphant, and that peace and prosperity reign throughout the entire jurisdic-

tion of the Grand Commandery of Texas, a jurisdiction which will soon be enabled, by the great network of railroads now weaving its meshes into the Southwestern States, to hold more frequent communication with her sister jurisdictions, and attain a prominent position among them in advancing the sublime principles of our noble Order.

The Templars of Texas present a fraternal salutation, and wish long life, honor and prosperity to the Templars of Illinois.

R. E. Sir Jerome R. Gorin presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, near the Grand Commandery of Illinois, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as said Representative.

E. Sir James A. Hawley presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, near the Grand Commandery of Illinois, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as said Representative.

E. Sir James H. Miles presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as said Representative.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Conclave to receive and disburse such funds as were sent for the relief of Knights Templar sufferers by the fire of October 8th and 9th, presented the following report, which was, on motion of E. Sir James A. Hawley, received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights John M. Pearson, Jerome R. Gorin, and Loyal L. Munn.

REPORT ON CHARITY.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee, appointed at the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery to receive and disburse such funds as were placed in their hands for the relief of the suffering Sir Knights by the great fire in Chicago, October 8th and 9th, 1871, would courteously report :

That pursuant to such appointment, they met at the office of R. E. Sir William M. Egan November 6th, 1871, and adopted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, At the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That a committee of three Sir Knights, of which the R. E. Grand Commander shall be chairman, be appointed to receive and disburse such contributions as shall be made by Grand or Subordinate Commanderies and Knights

Templar for the relief of the Sir Knights of Chicago and their families, and that the Grand Recorder be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Grand Commanderies of the United States, and to the subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction :

Therefore, Resolved, That the Eminent Commanders of Apollo Commandery, No. 1; Chicago Commandery, No. 19; and St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, be earnestly requested to co-operate with this Committee of the Grand Commandery in the relief of suffering Sir Knights by the late fire.

Therefore, Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to advise the Committee of South Chicago, of which R. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut is chairman, and also the Grand Master of Illinois, of the above action, of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and that they be requested to pay over all moneys received by them for the relief of suffering Sir Knights by the late fire, to the Committee of the Grand Commandery.

The Committee, deeming it necessary that some suitable Sir Knight should be selected to inquire into and search out such cases as were in need of assistance, appointed Sir E. N. Tucker, then Recorder of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, for that purpose, to whose exertions the Committee are greatly indebted for the manner in which assistance has been rendered.

In response to the circular issued by the Grand Recorder, by request of the Committee, the following communication was received from M. W. D. C. Cregier, president of the Masonic Board of Relief :

MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF, MASONIC TEMPLE,
Chicago, November 14, 1871.

JAMES H. MILES, Esq.,

Grand Recorder Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Dear Sir and M. E. Bro.—Yours of the 12th instant, communicating the action of the Grand Commandery in regard to funds in my hands for the relief of Sir Knights duly received. I beg leave to state that I am not aware that any moneys have been sent me for the special purpose referred to, and yet it may appear by the correspondence that funds sent me are intended to be disbursed by the Committee of distinguished Masons created by the Grand Commandery. In order that the fact may be ascertained and mutually agreed upon, I fraternally invite the Committee, Brothers Egan, Miles and Foss, to examine the letters from donors at such time and place as they may select.

With great respect for your colleagues, and assurances of my esteem for yourself,
I am, fraternally yours,

DEWITT C. CREGIER,
Pres't M. B. R.

At a subsequent period, discovering that money had been received by the Board of Relief for the assistance of Templars, the same was paid over to the Committee, as will appear by the subsequent financial report.

The Committee would further report that all moneys received have been duly acknowledged, and all correspondence carefully preserved.

The following is the detailed report of your Committee.

All of which is courteously submitted.

WILEY M. EGAN, }
JAMES H. MILES, } Committee.
ROBERT H. FOSS, }

JAMES H. MILES, *Secretary*.

In account with RELIEF FUND OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

DR.

1871.				
Oct. 24.	To amount received of Grand Commandery of Illinois.....			\$1,000
" "	" " " Jno. M. Pearson, of Godfrey, Illinois.....			50
" "	" " " Thomas P. Bonfield, Kankakee, Illinois.....			7
" "	" " " Belvidere Commandery, No. 2, Alton, Illinois, by J. M. Pearson.....			100
Nov. 11.	" " " Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, by J. F. Nash, E. C.			100
15.	" " " Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, by M. E. Ewing, E. C.....			271
21.	" " " Dixon Commandery, No. 21, by Jas. A. Hawley, E. C.....			100
24.	" " " H. G. Reynolds, Kt.....			5
27.	" " " Palestine Commandery, No. 2, Muscatine, Iowa, by W. B. Langridge, Gr. Rec.....			10
Dec. 2.	" " " Zion Commandery, No. 2, Minneapolis, Minn., by G. A. Savoy, Gr. Rec. of Minn.....			100
13.	" " " H. C. W. Cowdery, Kt.....			10
19.	" " " Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, Sycamore, Ill., by Dan'l Dustin, E. C.....			100
21.	" " " Cyrene Commandery, No. 23, Centralia, Ill., by J. E. Marshall, Rec.....			25
1872.				
Jan. 8.	" " " Knights Templar, at Burlington, Vermont, by Phineas D. Ballou.....			67
13.	" " " Holy Cross Commandery, Clinton, Iowa, by W. B. Langridge, Gr. Rec.....			88
Feb. 3.	" " " Grand Commandery of Virginia, by James Evans, Gr. Tr.....			100
4.	" " " St. John Commandery, No. 4, Wilmington, Delaware.....			100
May 24.	" " " D. C. Cregier, Grand Master of Masons, from Mt. Vernon and Youngstown, Ohio.....			87
	Total.....			\$2,322

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Oct. 21.	By half expense account rendered.....	\$ 307 18
"	By amount of disbursements as per statement.....	1,077 53
		<hr/>
	By balance on hand.....	\$1,384 937
		<hr/>
		\$2,322

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF.

1871.	
Nov. 30.	To paid Horton & Leonard.....\$ 26 50
" "	" ".....34 00
" "	" ".....4 50
Dec. 1.	" ".....4 50
5.	" Tribune Company, advertising.....104 16
5.	" Times Company, ".....104 16
1872.	
Oct. 22.	" E. N. Tucker, Expense account.....32 04
" "	" " Services.....300 00
" "	" Blank Books.....4 50—\$614 36
	By half to account Grand Commandery.....307 18
	" " " Chapter.....307 18—\$614 36

TO RIGHT EMINENT WILEY M. EGAN, ROBERT H. FOSS, AND JAS. H. MILES,
Committee appointed by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, at the last Annual Conclave, to receive and disburse relief to the suffering Sir Knights by the fire of October 8th and 9th, 1871 :

The undersigned having been appointed by the above named Committee to assist in the examination of cases reported and presented, would respectfully make the following report :

There have been examined forty-nine cases, of which twenty-two have received aid to the amount of one thousand and seventy-seven dollars and fifty-three cents (\$1,077.53).

The balance have declined to receive aid, and many times have reported cases as more in need than themselves, which in the end has been the means of aiding some very worthy Sir Knights, as well as Royal Arch and Blue Lodge Masons.

I am *now* aware that the amount in many cases was less than it should have been ; but as there was at first but a small fund to draw from, and not knowing the number of Sir Knights in need of aid, it was thought best to use the funds with a sparing hand. Yet, in most cases, all that has been asked for has been paid

A brief history of *most* cases, and *all* who have received aid, will be found hereto annexed.

All of which is courteously submitted.

E. N. TUCKER, *Agent*.

The Grand Commandery was then, on motion, adjourned until 1 ½ o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois, agreeably to adjournment was opened by the R. E. Grand Commander, at 1½ o'clock, P.

The following communication from the President of the Chicago Board of Trade was read, and on motion of Sir Knight William A. Steel, of Joliet, No. 4, it was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

BOARD OF TRADE, Chicago, Oct. 22, 1872

TO HON. WILEY M. EGAN,

Grand Commander :

The members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, now in session in this city, are cordially invited to visit the Rooms of the Board of Trade during their stay. The Rooms are open between the hours of eleven o'clock.

Very truly,

J. W. PRESTON, *President*

E. Sir Charles H. Brower, Inspector-General, presented the following preamble and resolution, which was, on motion, adopted.

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER :

In presenting the resolution I desire to say that although the Grand Commandery of Illinois may be considered *young* in comparison with many of the Grand Commanderies of the United States, yet it ranks *third* among them in number of subordinates, and *fourth* in the roll of membership; and it must be obvious to every member of this grand body, that with a jurisdiction of such magnitude, it becomes necessary that some action should be taken which will be secure to every subordinate Commandery in Illinois an official visitation at least once in each year, and at the same time distribute the duty so equally as to make it a source of gratification and pleasure, instead of, as before, a burden to those who attempted to perform the necessary duties incumbent upon them.

There should be a responsibility resting upon every Grand Officer of the Grand Body, and the apportionment of certain Commanderies to each of them for official visitation, will necessarily lighten the labor and conduce to the greater welfare of the Order in Illinois.

Official intercourse is of great value to our Commanderies, not only to encourage, assist and give proper instruction when required, but as an incentive to Knightly deeds, creating among them the noble emulation as who can best understand and follow the precepts of the Order.

By this procedure we arrive at the status of every subordinate Commandery in the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, once in each Term of year.

Inasmuch as the Grand Commandery of Illinois has generously afforded every means of acquiring the Knightly duties devolving upon the officers and members of its jurisdiction; and as the office of Inspector-General was created at a time when there was a diversity of work and a limited knowledge of military instruction; and being of the opinion that an annual official visitation to every subordinate Commandery would conduce to the greater welfare and interest of the Order in this jurisdiction; I move that the Standing Resolution No. 10, and Resolution No. 15 on the same subject, be repealed; and that the following Resolution be adopted in place thereof:

Resolved, That the Grand Commander subdivide the jurisdiction of Illinois into nine districts for visitation, and assign each district as may be most convenient, to the following Grand Officers, viz: Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Warder; and that they be required to visit every Commandery in the district assigned them, at least once during the year, and report such official visitation, in writing, to the Grand Commandery, when next assembled in Annual Conclave.

On motion of Sir William A. Steel, of Joliet, No. 4, it was resolved that the Grand Commandery proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as tellers Sir Knights George E. Lounsbury, John Dickinson, William H. Barrett, and William H. Woodbury.

The ballots having been taken, sorted, and tallied, the following named Sir Knights were declared to be elected to the offices set opposite their respective names, viz:

- R. E. Sir DANIEL DUSTIN, of SycamoreGrand Commander.
- V. E. Sir JAMES A. HAWLEY, of Dixon.....Deputy Grand Commander.
- E. Sir HIRAM W. HUBBARD, of Centralia..Grand Generalissimo.
- E. Sir THEODORE T. GURNEY, of Chicago..Grand Captain General.
- Rev. and E. Sir CHAS. A. GILBERT, of Joliet...Grand Prelate.
- E. Sir LOUIS H. JORGENSEN, of Cairo...Grand Senior Warden.
- E. Sir ASA W. BLAKESLEY, of Quincy....Grand Junior Warden.
- E. Sir ROBERT H. FOSS, of Chicago.....Grand Treasurer.
- E. Sir JAMES H. MILES, of Chicago.....Grand Recorder.
- E. Sir JOHN F. NASH, of Ottawa.....Grand Standard Bearer.
- E. Sir CHARLES H. BROWER, of Chicago..Grand Sword Bearer.
- E. Sir ROBERT L. MCKINLAY, of Paris ..Grand Warder.
- E. Sir LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN, of Morris..Grand Captain of Guards.

On motion, it was voted that the installation of the officers to be elected be held at 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday.

E. Sir John C. Smith, from the Committee on the doings of the Grand Officers, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the recommendations adopted:

REPORT ON THE DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois:

Your Committee on the doings of the Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander and the report of the Inspector General, would report:

That having carefully examined the address of the R. E. Grand Commander we would recommend that the Grand Commandery ratify and endorse his action as reported, in regard to Mt. Pulaski Commandery, No. 39, and Galena Commandery, No. 40.

That so much of his address as refers to Commanderies under dispensation and also in regard to Charter to Joliet Commandery, No. 4, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

So far as it relates to Special Dispensations, we would recommend that the Grand Commandery approve of his actions.

That this Grand Commandery endorse and ratify the action of the R. E. Grand Commander in authorizing a revision and reprint of the Templar Manual by E. Sir Charles H. Brower, the destruction of the surplus copies and stereotype plates, by the great fire in October last, rendering such action necessary.

That the decisions of the R. E. Grand Commander in regard to the propriety of receiving petitions for the Orders of Knighthood, from Companions who are not affiliated with a Blue Lodge, and also the status of Sir Knights who have been suspended or expelled from their Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

That the Grand Commandery approve the action of the R. E. Grand Commander in appointing Representatives near the Grand East, in the several jurisdictions named.

That the recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander in regard to the assessment of five cents for each Sir Knight returned as a member of their respective Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report an amendment to the By-Laws, making provision for a compliance with the said regulation of the Grand Encampment, and that the resolution thereon submitted be adopted by the Grand Commandery.

Resolved, That a sum equivalent to five cents *per capita* of the members of the several subordinate Commanderies, be and is hereby appropriated by the Grand Commandery, for the purpose of complying with the order of the Grand Encampment of the United States at its last Conclave.

That your Committee would call especial attention to the recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander in regard to an assessment of one dollar upon each member of the several Commanderies under this jurisdiction, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Grand Commandery of Illinois that each subordinate Commandery be assessed the sum of one dollar *per capita* upon each member under its jurisdiction, for the purpose of liquidating the debt contracted by order of this Grand Commandery, at its last Annual Conclave, and that the same be required to be paid in on or before the 1st of September, 1873.

Your Committee have perused with pleasure that portion of said address which refers to the relief of the Chicago sufferers, and feel that the active part taken therein by the R. E. Grand Commander and his colleagues deserves a more extended notice than your Committee can in the limited time assigned them properly report. We would therefore recommend that so much of the address as refers to said relief be referred to the Special Committee to whom that subject was assigned.

Your Committee would further report : That the action of the Inspector General, as reported by him, together with his suggestion, that copies of the Manual be placed in the hands of the Subordinate Commanderies, be approved by the Grand Commandery. And that the Manual be distributed, as recommended by him.

All of which is courteously submitted.

JOHN C. SMITH, }
P. W. BARCLAY, } *Committee.*

E. Sir A. R. Atkins, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would report, that they find nothing under that head to occupy the time of this Grand Commandery, and would therefore ask to be discharged from further duties.

Courteously submitted.

ARTHUR R. ATKINS, }
P. B. UPDIKE, } *Committee.*
R. L. MCGUIRE, }

E. Sir Calvin W. McLain, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report :

That they have examined the records of Damascus Commandery, U. M. W., located at Havana, Ill. We find the By-Laws, submitted by the same Commandery to be in conformity with the Statutes and Regulations, that the records with but a few exceptions, are kept in a proper manner, which your Committee has taken the liberty to correct, and that the report rendered by them is correct. We therefore recommend that a charter be granted to them as Damascus Commandery, No. 41, to be held at Havana, Mason County, Ill.

Your Committee would further report, that they have also examined the Records and By-Laws of Gethsemane Commandery, U. D., held at Metropolis, Ill., and find a large number of informalities in the same, which your Committee has also taken the liberty of correcting, and would therefore recommend that a Charter be granted to them as Gethsemane Commandery, No. 42, to be held at Metropolis, Massac County, Ill.

Your Committee would further recommend that a Charter be granted to Joliet Commandery, No. 4, K. T., for the one destroyed by fire on the evening of July 26, 1872.

All of which is courteously submitted.

CALVIN W. McLAIN,	} Committee.
R. P. DENKER,	
PETER SONNE,	

E. Sir Charles M. Morse offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That no Subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction shall have the right to appear in public as a Commandery, except upon Masonic and Templar occasions, without first obtaining a dispensation from the R. E. Grand Commandery.

Subsequently the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the resolution as above, adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of E. Sir Charles M. Morse, in relation to parades and public processions, would

report that, in their opinion, the resolution is in strict accordance with the spirit and usage of our Order, and therefore recommend its adoption.

JOHN M. PEARSON,
JEROME R. GORIN,
CHARLES E. MUNGER, } *Committee.*

E. Sir Jerome B. Nulton, from the Committee on Grievances, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Grievances would report, that they know of no business of that character requiring the attention of this Grand Commandery, and would therefore ask to be discharged.

Courteously submitted.

JEROME B. NULTON,
EUGENE B. MYERS,
EDWIN E. THOMAS, } *Committee.*

On motion, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois was then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow, Wednesday, October 23d, 1872.

WEDNESDAY, *October 23d, A. D. 1872.*

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois was opened by the R. E. Grand Commander, at 9 o'clock A. M. Officers and Sir Knights present as on yesterday.

E. Sir Wm. A. Levanway, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the recommendations adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, courteously and respectfully report that they have examined and find the same correct.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows that he has received, as dues and dispensation fees, the sum of \$3,318.00, which he has paid to the Grand Treasurer as per receipt herewith.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand, at last Grand Conclave, of	\$2,688.
Amount since received from the Grand Recorder	3,318.
Making the sum of	6,006.
That he has paid out, as per vouchers accompanying his report ...	2,417.
Leaving in his hands	3,589.

Your Committee recommend that an order issue to Sir Knight James Miles, Grand Recorder, for stationery, postage, &c., as per bill rendered, \$777.00 and for services as Grand Recorder during the past year, \$500.00.

That an order issue to Sir Knight L. K. Osborn, for services as Grand Captain of the Guards, twenty dollars.

That an order issue in favor of Sir Knight J. J. French, for services as Organist at the opening of this Grand Conclave, ten dollars.

That the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated, and an order drawn on the Grand Treasurer for that sum, in favor of Sir Knight E. N. Tucker, for services as Assistant Grand Recorder at this Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

That a further sum of twenty dollars be appropriated, and an order drawn on the Grand Treasurer for that sum, in favor of Sir Knight T. H. Agnew, for services as Janitor during this session of the Grand Commandery.

That the Grand Recorder be authorised to obtain a Past Grand Commander's Jewel, for Past Grand Commander Wiley M. Egan, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for the cost thereof, not exceeding sixty dollars.

Your Committee recommend that members of regular committees in attendance at this Grand Commandery, not paid as Representatives or Grand Officers, be allowed the same mileage and per diem as in the case of Representatives.

Your Committee further recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorised to obtain the printing of one thousand copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Conclave, and to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the cost of the same.

All of which is courteously submitted.

WM. A. LEVANWAY, }
W. J. MCKIM, } Committee
J. A. CRAWFORD, }

E. Sir Robert L. McKinlay, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was, by motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem would report that the following Grand Officers and Representatives are entitled to Mileage and Per Diem as follows :

OFFICERS.	OFFICES.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Wiley M. Egan	Grand Commander			\$4 00	\$4 00
Dan'l Dustin	Dep. Grand Commander	60	\$6 00	4 00	10 00
James A. Hawley	Grand Generalissimo	98	9 80	4 00	13 80
Hiram W. Hubbard	" Capt. General	253	25 30	4 00	29 30
Rev. W. H. Scott	" Prelate			5 00	5 00
Louis H. Jorgensen	" Junior Warden	365	36 50	4 00	40 50
Asa W. Blakesley	" Standard Bearer	263	26 30	4 00	30 30
John F. Nash	" Sword Bearer	84	8 40	4 00	12 40
Chas. H. Brower	" Warder			4 00	4 00
COMMITTEES.					
S. C. Stearns	Credentials	38	3 80	4 00	7 80
R. P. Denker	Charters & Dispensations	38	3 80	4 00	7 80
J. A. Crawford	Finance and Accounts			4 00	4 00
L. D. Romberger	Mileage and Per Diem	105	10 50	4 00	14 50
Jno. M. Pearson	Jurisprudence	257	25 70	4 00	29 70
C. E. Munger	"	38	3 80	4 00	7 80
J. R. Gorin	"	174	17 40	4 00	21 40
E. B. Myers	Grievances			4 00	4 00
L. L. Munn	Charity	121	12 10	4 00	16 10
P. W. Barclay	Doings of Grand Officers	365	36 50	4 00	40 50
REPRESENTATIVES. COMMANDERY.					
James H. Miles	Apollo, No. 1			4 00	4 00
Geo. D. Hayden	Belvidere, No. 2	257	25 70	4 00	29 70
John Dickinson	Peoria, No. 3	151	15 10	4 00	19 10
W. T. Saylor	Joliet, No. 4	38	3 80	4 00	7 80
R. B. Horrie	Blaney, No. 5	61	6 10	4 00	10 10
R. L. McGuire	Elwood, No. 6	185	18 50	4 00	22 50
W. J. McKim	Freeport, No. 7	121	12 10	4 00	16 10
W. W. Patch	Galesburg, No. 8	164	16 40	4 00	20 40
A. A. Murray	Beaumanoir, No. 9	174	17 40	4 00	21 40
Granville M. Evatt	Beauseant, No. 11	263	26 30	4 00	30 30
D. Walker	Ottawa, No. 10	84	8 40	4 00	12 40
Dan'l Brewster	Waukegan, No. 12	36	3 60	4 00	7 60
Geo. E. Lounsbury	Cairo, No. 13	365	36 50	4 00	40 50
H. M. Eidson	Gorin, No. 14	258	25 80	4 00	29 80
Jno. R. Porter	Crusader, No. 17	93	9 30	4 00	13 30
H. C. Cleveland	Everts, No. 18	182	18 20	4 00	22 20
A. R. Atkins	Chicago, No. 19			4 00	4 00
L. R. Jerome	Temple, No. 20	105	10 50	4 00	14 50
W. A. Levanway	Dixon, No. 21	98	9 80	4 00	13 80
W. H. Barrett	Aurora, No. 22	38	3 80	4 00	7 80
H. L. Rhodes	Cyrene, No. 23	253	25 30	4 00	29 30
Jabez Brewster	DeMolay, No. 24	126	12 60	4 00	16 60
E. E. Thomas	Calvary, No. 2	51	5 10	4 00	9 10
Peter Sonne	St. John, No. 26	100	10 00	4 00	14 00
R. L. McKinlay	Palestine, No. 27	210	21 00	4 00	25 00
R. L. Gilmore	Bethany, No. 28	84	8 40	4 00	12 40
J. B. Nulton	Hugh DePayens, No. 29	249	24 90	4 00	28 90
Pierson B. Updike	St. Omer, No. 30	233	23 30	4 00	27 30
C. W. McLain	Hospitaler, No. 31	215	21 50	4 00	25 50
H. G. Dearborn	Almoner, No. 32	227	22 70	4 00	26 70
F. S. Hatch	Ivanhoe, No. 33	56	5 60	4 00	9 60
N. T. P. Robertson	St. Paul, No. 34	108	10 80	4 00	14 80
Wilson Hoag	Mt. Olivet, No. 38	103	10 30	4 00	14 30
Jonathan Pumpelly	Mt. Pulaski, No. 39	168	16 80	4 00	20 80
Jno. C. Smith	Galena, No. 40	171	17 10	4 00	21 10
Totals.....			\$728 60	\$217 00	\$945 60

All of which is courteously submitted.

R. L. MCKINLAY,
HENRY C. CLEVELAND,
L. D. ROMBERGER.

R. E. Sir John M. Pearson, from the Special Committee on Charity, submitted the following report, which was, on motion received and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Special Committee on Relief, appointed by this Grand Commandery at its last Grand Conclave, respectfully report that they have examined said report and the accompanying accounts and vouchers, and find the same correct ; that said Committee received from various sources the sum of \$2,322.10 ; and that they have disbursed, as shown by the statements rendered, \$1,384.71, leaving still in hands of said Committee the sum of \$937.39, concerning which we append a resolution.

It early came to the knowledge of the Relief Committee, as no doubt it has come to many of you, that large sums of money had been remitted from various sources, for the benefit of destitute Knight Templars, of which only a small portion came into their hands, and, of course, they are therefore unable to give a full statement as to its disposition.

We find that the Committee were aided in their work by the prompt courtesy and co-operation of M. W. D. C. Cregier, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for which they tender their thanks.

We append the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the balance of moneys in hands of said Relief Committee reported by them, be allowed to remain in their hands, and that they be continued until our next Annual Conclave, with instructions to use so much of said fund as they may find necessary in accordance with the intention of the original donors.

Resolved, That the action of the Relief Committee meets with the approval of this Grand Commandery, and that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to them for their faithful work as almoners of the noble charities of the Order.

JNO. M. PEARSON, }
J. R. GORIN, } Committee
L. L. MUNN, }

E. Sir James H. Miles, from the Committee on Correspondence, made a report that the Committee had not yet completed their report, when, on motion, they were granted time to finish their report, with instructions to print the same with the proceedings.



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Courteously yours
James H. Miles



Continually yours
James H. Miller

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

Your Committee on Correspondence would report that they have received and examined the Proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies :

GRAND COMMANDERIES IN CORRESPONDENCE.

STATE.	YEAR.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
1. Alabama	1872	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
2. Arkansas	1872	John W. Rison	Little Rock.
3. Connecticut	1872	John W. Stedman	Norwich.
4. Canada	1872	Thomas B. Harris	Hamilton.
5. Georgia	1872	Charles R. Armstrong	Macon.
6. Indiana	1872	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
7. Iowa	1871	William B. Langridge	Muscatine.
8. Kansas	1871	Erasmus T. Carr	Leavenworth.
9. Kentucky	1872	William C. Munger	Franklin.
10. Louisiana	1872	Gustavus Sontag	New Orleans.
11. Maine	1872	Ira Berry	Portland.
12. Maryland	1872	Frank J. Kugler	Baltimore.
13. Mass. and Rhode Island	1871	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
14. Minnesota	1872	E. D. B. Porter	St. Paul.
15. Mississippi	1872	J. L. Power	Jackson.
16. Missouri	1871	Geo. Frank Gouley	St. Louis.
17. Nebraska	1872	Thomas A. Creigh	Brownville.
18. New Hampshire	1871	John W. Harris	Concord.
19. New Jersey	1872	Thomas J. Corson	Trenton.
20. New York	1871	Robert Macoy	New York.
21. Ohio	1871	James Nesbit	Troy.
22. Pennsylvania	1872	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia.
23. Tennessee	1872	John Frizzell	Nashville.
24. Texas	1872	Robert Brewster	Houston.
25. Vermont	1872	W. H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington.
26. Virginia	1872	John Dove	Richmond.
27. Wisconsin	1872	Wm. T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

We are compelled to confess, as we look upon the pile of printed matter before us, that our hearts tremble as to the result, and time only can tell whether we shall ever reach the bottom. Two Grand Bodies are missing from our list — California and Michigan. We trust they will not neglect to put in an appearance in 1873.

ALABAMA.

The Twelfth Annual Conclave was held at Marion, February 5th, 1872; V. E. Sir Joseph H. Johnson, Deputy Grand Commander, presiding. We notice from some cause most of the Grand officers are absent. Seven Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir A. J. Walker, being unavoidably absent, his address was forwarded and read by the Grand Recorder. From this interesting address we take the following :

“Our obligations and duties take their complexion from those of our founders, and we acknowledge the impulse and guidance of their chivalric spirit, attempered by the meliorated and more enlightened civilization, and the purified and chastened christianity of our age.

"What, then, are our obligations, and what should be our characters?

"We are like our ancient founders—a brotherhood. We are bound together by like ties to those which common purposes, common sentiments, common duties and common dangers, fasten upon men united in a great military, benevolent enterprise, to be accomplished by self-sacrifice, devoted charity, deeds of valor. As soldiers stand shoulder to shoulder, so should Knights Templar stand shoulder to shoulder, and co-operate in their great moral warfare against social evil. Each should be, in the use of lawful instrumentalities, the guard of the life and reputation of the other. While they should be reciprocal men and counselors, their intercourse should be characterized by the genuine courtesy of Knighthood, for which our founders were so eminent.

"But the Orders of Chivalric and Christian Masonry are taught other duties, an analogy drawn from the example of the ancient brethren, and by the precepts coming down to us from them and inculcated in our sacred Asylum.

"In a darker period, and in the infancy of our Order, the material sword was wielded in defense of innocent maidens, distressed widows, helpless orphans, the Christian religion; and to the relief of the distressed our ancient brethren consecrated themselves. So we are required to wield the sword of a moral and social power in behalf of the same objects which the material sword defended, and imitate our founders in the relief of distress. The word of distress, the cry of suffering woman, and the aspersion of the Christian religion, should never fall unheeded upon the Templar's ear. The best defense of Christianity, in this day and country which we can, as a fraternity, make, and that which is especially enjoined, is a practical exemplification, in daily walk and conversation, of its precepts and its virtues. Our Order is founded on the *practice* of Christian virtues, as well as the Christian religion. We are taught in our Asylum to so let our light shine that others, seeing our good deeds, may glorify in our Father in Heaven.

"Do we exhibit the exalted qualities thus inculcated by the example of our founders and the precepts of our Order? Do we, influenced by the impressions made upon us as Knights of the Red Cross, so revere truth as to be ready to maintain it even at the cost of exile or death? Do we make our pathway through life radiant with the virtues of genuine Templarism? Do we demonstrate by our conduct that a fellow Knight in sickness, sorrow and distress, is a brother? Do we wield an unpretending and unseen wand of protection over those who are the peculiar subjects of Knightly care? Do we so act that those who observe us take knowledge that we are from the Asylum of an institution founded upon the Christian religion? Alas! Sir Knights; how few of us attain to the full measure of the stature of a Knight of our Order! Frailty affects all things terrestrial. The pure life of a perfect Knightly character shines from an eminence so high we can never attain it. Yet, struggling ever with the weaknesses and temptations which impede us in our progress, we shall at least approach it, and entitle ourselves to the plaudits of all who admire courageous and manly efforts for the accomplishment of good.

"The best, and indeed the only legitimate means we have of enlarging

numbers, is to exemplify before good and true Royal Arch Masons, from whose ranks alone ours can be filled, the attractive beauties of the virtues of our Order. Our growth must be ever retarded by reason of the super-position of our Orders on the Degrees of Ancient Masonry, and the exclusion even of as many of those who have successfully passed the unanimous ballot preliminary to the preceding degrees as repudiate the religion founded by the immaculate Jesus. Our individual and collective manifestations should afford such demonstration of the excellence of our institution, as to persuade all competent persons coming up through the Degrees of Ancient Masonry, to seek admittance into our Asylum. Let us, then, seek numerical prosperity through the charm of our Knightly characters—a charm which will woo the virtuous and good into our fold. When we shall do so our Order will be a fountain from which shall flow forth through society a stream of genuine beneficence, solacing with its refreshing waters the sorrowful and the weary pilgrim along life's toilsome journey, washing away the tears of the widow and the orphan, and mingling itself with the greater and mightier stream of the influence and power of the church, assist in floating onward the ark freighted with man's salvation. Then will the wise and good rise up and call us blessed."

After the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Commandery formed in rank and proceeded to the Baptist Church, where the customary devotional exercises were had, and an excellent oration delivered by Sir Knight William P. Chilton, Jr., from which we take the following:

"As a system of ethics interwoven with religion, Masonry, in its three grand divisions, views man as a moral, intellectual and immortal being.

"It would impress every moral duty which man owes to his fellow man. It would open wide the portals of science, and incite to labor in her extended and varied fields, and teach us to

'Look through nature up to nature's God.'

"It would tell us, by the most impressive mystic rites, of our immortality beyond this vale of tears; and instruct us so to live that we may know how to die. And thus, in this simple allegory of human life, we have man presented in his three endowments at the creation—his original poverty, his transgression and fall, and the promise and hope inspired by the book of nature and divine revelation.

"Upon this the 'sublime allegory of Masonry stands as a beautiful and serene architectural column—morality its base, science its shaft, and revelation its capital.'

"The analogy between religion and Masonry is marked and beautiful.

"Masonry, with religion, holds in sacred veneration the name of Deity, and inculcates the duties of man to his God, his neighbor and himself; and each finds its happy illustration in symbols.

"Religion is to Masonry as light is to our globe, in its illuminating power displaying all that is lovely, and which would otherwise be obscured in a world launched forth in eccentric wanderings amidst perpetual darkness.

"Masonry seeks to extend the morality of the Bible into channels where it would not flow, and would carry it into wider fields of philanthropic action. It is a pure outgrowth of biblical ideas; and should we wonder that a soil so rich should cause its luxuriant growth to shoot over the wall and scatter its fruits far and wide? Is it fanciful to suppose that the Christian religion, in its onward march to immortality, should cast over the earth innumerable blessings, and throw around man's pilgrimage a charm which mere human philosophy could never achieve?

"The very genius of Christianity is to consolidate the best and wisest agencies upon the mass of human wretchedness and woe. Bible and missionary enterprises, Sunday schools, orphan asylums and all charitable institutions, and Masonry, germinate and mature their delicious fruit in the same rich soil. They are gathered and placed on the altar of Christianity, with the exclamation of David, 'Of Thine own have we given Thee.'

"Masonry is not religion, yet a system of ethics closely allied to it. Founded in charity and brotherly love, how sublime are the principles it presents! 'The Bible is the center of its pure system,' and points unerringly to the Grand Architect of the Universe and the moral law which He has ordained.

"Familiar with the beautiful tenets of the various Orders, the Craft Mason passes from the old dispensation to the new; 'from the temple of Solomon to Calvary; from types and shadows to the revealed law.'

"Templarism catches the moral inspiration of symbolic Masonry, and to this beautiful system adds the charm and power of a new command. 'Symbolic Masonry is to the Christian Knight what the Jewish law was to the Apostle and his instructor.' And could Christianity dispense with the impressive and beautiful lessons of the Old Testament, and not impair or destroy its perfect system? And would Christian Knighthood be complete without the moral basis of symbolic Masonry?

"The very spirit of Knighthood founded on the Christian faith is contained in the truths and principles of the Bible entire. In their scriptural union there is both strength and beauty; divided, the glorious temple of their common foundation would crumble and moulder into dust.

"Christian Knighthood, comprehending the wide area of the Christian religion from the creation, allows no link to be severed in the golden chain of events by which it comes down to us in the fullness of its pristine purity. It sees in the types and symbols of the past, their happy illustration in the glory of a new Savior, the sweet fulfillment of Eden's bright promise.

"Masonic Templarism combines the past and present of religion; and if the Order of the Knights of the Red Cross subserves no higher purpose, it links its systems on a plan which creates a hope within us that points beyond this fleeting shore to unfading glories in a land where sorrow is unknown.

"How grand its conceptions, and vast its mighty power! It is engaged in unceasing warfare with infidelity, and in this struggle will continue until the dawning of the millennial dawn, when truth's bright triumph shall be proclaimed.

"In this soul-inspiring aim, Masonic Templarism is side by side with

Christian church, which it upholds as God's visible representative on earth, portraying His love, goodness and power.

"The church is known not by numerical strength or denominational name, but the peaceable fruits of righteousness. As such it has existed since Abel erected his first altar in pure and humble devotion to his Maker. The church has God for its author, the Holy Scriptures for its guide, Christ for its example, the world for its field of labor, Heaven for its Asylum, and eternal life for its reward.

"Masonic Templarism is co-operative, and with the church has the common watchword of 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'

"In their combined moral and religious influence, they will move forward until all nations are brought to a knowledge of the True God."

A Past Grand Commander's Jewel was presented to P. G. Commander Sir Richard F. Knott.

The Committee on Jurisprudence put on record the following, which we think good Masonic law:

"That expulsion from the Lodge or Chapter necessarily operates a deprivation of the privileges of Knighthood; but that suspension for non-payment of dues does not have that effect."

No report on Correspondence.

Time of Annual Conclave changed to the first Wednesday in May, 1873.

R. E. Sir Joseph H. Johnson, of Talladega, was elected Grand Commander;

E. Sir Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 9 Subordinates; 283 members; 29 created.

ARKANSAS.

We are not in receipt of the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery, but are indebted to the Masonic Jewel, of Memphis, Tenn., for the intelligence, that a Convention assembled at Fort Smith, March 23d, 1872, consisting of the Representatives of the three Subordinate Commanderies of the State, viz: Hugh De Payens, No. 1, at Little Rock; Bertrand du Guesclin, No. 2, at Camden, and Jaques De Molay, No. 3, at Fort Smith, which Convention adopted a Constitution and elected R. E. Sir Luke E. Barber, of Little Rock, Grand Commander, and John W. Rison, of Little Rock, Grand Recorder; and on the 25th of March the Grand Commandery assembled and proceeded to business, according to the usual formulas. We bid Arkansas Grand Commandery a Knightly welcome.

CANADA.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Priory of Canada, of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, under the banner of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, was held in the city of Toronto, August 15th, 1872. Very Eminent Frater S. B. Harman, Provincial Grand Commander for Ontario, presiding. Eleven Encampments represented.

The Grand Prior in his address, states that four Encampments have been added to the roll since the last assembly.

With regard to the uniform, as used in Canada, in contrast with our own, makes the following remarks:

"The visits of Encampments from the United States to Canada has given rise to a wish on the part of several of our fraters for a change of costume to adapt of their taking part in processions and Masonic demonstrations. For my part I cannot agree with the necessity of this change. The order of the Temple as now constituted was never intended for the public gaze, or street display, and the modern innovations of a military uniform and drill, so much thought of in the United States, does not convey to my mind the dignified position we ought to assume as successors, although by adoption, of our predecessors the Knights Templar; and although I have no wish or intention to disparage the feelings which actuate the Order in the United States, it does not follow that we should approve of or adopt their views; and however consistent may be the military uniform with the cocked hat adopted by them as a memento of the dress worn by soldiers of the revolution, it certainly is not an appropriate one for us. I am always glad to entertain and recommend any proposition for the good of the Order, or that would gratify the members, but I fail to see any good in this contemplated change about which I am in receipt of several communications. The costume, assimilating as it does to that worn of old, is emblematical of the Order, and at the installation of an aspirant the beautiful ceremony of initiation fully explains it. The white mantle and overcoat is to represent a pure life, with a cross as a symbol of martyrdom.

"The argument used, that it is not a suitable one to assist at the laying of foundation stones, or other Masonic demonstrations, cannot be applicable to the Temple—such ceremonies being entirely within the province of the craft degree of Freemasonry, and never could have formed any part of the duties of the Templar. I am myself strongly opposed to all public displays, and deprecate them most strenuously. There is too great a desire to blazon forth all our doings which neither can be understood or appreciated by the public at large. The following quotation from a recent Masonic address at New Orleans, by Brother Reverend W. V. Tudor, conveys all I could wish to say: 'Secrecy is a peculiar feature of Masonry; and the meaning and power of Masonic secrecy lies in another word, and that is—*silence*, and may be read in these words: 'Woe thou doest thine alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right doeth;' or thou shalt not cry or lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the streets.'

"One argument adduced in favor of the proposed change is, 'that it is the only way in which the success of the Order in Canada can be secured.' It is a matter of much regret to me that the principles of the Order of the Temple, its history and antecedents, are so little understood as these sentiments would seem to imply. If the opportunity of exhibiting themselves in public with an attractive costume be really the principal inducement for persons wishing to join the Order, such accessions to our ranks would do us but little credit, and there are surely enough

of other distinguished Societies where they might readily obtain the opportunity of the public display they covet, and without being hampered with the vows of the Templar."

Very Eminent Frater W. J. B. McLeod Moore, of Laprarie, is Grand Prior.
Very Eminent Thos. Bird Harris, Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Conclave was held in the City of Hartford, March 19th, 1872. E. Sir William W. Storey, of Norwalk, Grand Commander, presiding, and the Representatives of ten Commanderies present, with all the Grand Officers.

From the address of the Grand Commander we are informed that the Sir Knights of Connecticut went into field encampment in August last, continuing three days, all the routine of which is exemplified in the address.

The Grand Commander says :

"Everything in our jurisdiction is harmonious. Prosperity is the rule, and wisdom seems to demand that we should endeavor to keep on the main track, where it is running so smoothly, rather than by branching off on some untried issue run the risk of disaster."

The Grand Recorder, Sir Knight John W. Stedman, presents a short report on Correspondence, in which he acknowledges the receipt of transactions of the various Grand Commanderies, except New Hampshire. Our report for 1871 was among the number. We note the name of our Grand Recorder wrongly spelled—the fault of the printer, no doubt.

R. E. Sir Sereno S. Thomas, of New Haven, was elected Grand Commander.
E. Sir John W. Stedman, of Norwich, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 10 Commanderies; 1262 members; 107 created.

GEORGIA.

The Eleventh Annual Conclave was held at Americus, May 22d, 1872, R. E. Sir George Smith Obear, Grand Commander. Seven Subordinates represented. After the opening of the Grand Commandery, the several Commanders present formed into line, escorting the Grand Commandery to the church, where the Litany of the Order was performed, and an interesting and instructive address delivered by E. Sir Knight Samuel Lawrence, the harmony of which we cannot destroy by extracts. The Grand Commander in his address says "that love, peace and harmony exist among the Sir Knights in our jurisdiction."

"No question of jurisprudence has been submitted to me; no dispensations for new Commanderies have been applied for; no great accessions to our ranks have been made since last we met; yet I may say that the Order in Georgia is in a healthy condition."

He also flatters the courtesy and hospitality of the Sir Knights of Baltimore and Maryland in their reception and entertainment of the Grand Encampment at its last session; mentions in appropriate language the decease of two distin-

guished Knights of the Order; calls attention to the essential of more attention to the tactics and drill, as also to the matter of finance, the revenue derived from the Subordinates not being sufficient to defray the expenses; and in conclusion says:

"As I am about to resign the office of Grand Commander that you honor me with two years ago, placing the sceptre of office in the hands of my successor, may I not remind you that our day on earth is short; let us be up and doing; let us live more consistently, act more in accordance with the professions we have made, remember more sacredly those vows we have taken upon ourselves; purge our Order of all those who will continue to walk disorderly, let perfect discipline be at all times exercised among us; let us exemplify to the world in the Order of Christian Knighthood none are to be found but the virtuous and true."

The Grand Commandery placed upon record the following order—a regulation if well enforced:

"*Ordered*, That from and after this date, Sir Knights under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia, are hereby prohibited from exhibiting in bar rooms, gambling houses, or other improper places, any evidence of Templarism, such as diplomas, certificates of membership, or other Templar documents, uniforms, jewels or other Templar regalia, photographs, paintings or drawings of persons in their character of Knights Templar.

"Any Sir Knight violating this order shall be tried, and if found guilty, shall be suspended or expelled."

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, be required to meet at least once a month, between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of March in each year, for drill only; that all Sir Knights, members thereof, be required to attend such drills, unless excused by the Eminent Commander, for good cause shown."

Sir J. Emmett Blackshear presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-six Grand Commanderies. The Proceedings of Illinois arrived too late.

R. E. Sir Allen Sherrod Cutts, of Americus, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong, of Macon, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 8 Commanderies; 369 members; 33 created.

INDIANA.

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave was held at Indianapolis, April 2d, 1890. R. E. Sir Elbridge G. Hamilton, Grand Commander. Twenty Chartered Commanderies under Dispensation represented.

The Grand Commander reports "that peace, harmony and prosperity have attended our labors, not only during the past year, but during the entire life of this Grand Body; and at this date, the orders of Templar Masonry in our jurisdiction are in a most prosperous and thriving condition."

He notices in appropriate terms the decease of Past Grand Commander Sir Ephraim Colestock; two dispensations issued for new Commanderies for which charters were granted; was present and consequently speaks well of the entertainment of the Grand Encampment at Baltimore; favors the continuance of the appointment of foreign Representatives; calls the attention of the Grand Commandery to their financial condition, which was not favorable, and favors a specified time to elapse between the Chapter Degrees and Commandery Orders, and winds up his address with a lengthy report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-four Grand Bodies. Illinois for 1870 receives a courteous notice.

The several Orders of the Grand Master of Templars of the United States were read and ordered spread upon the records.

The resolution requiring Subordinate Commanderies to bear the name of the city or town in which they were located, was rescinded.

R. E. Sir Charles Cruft, of Terre Haute, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 23 Commanderies; 1268 members; 206 created.

IOWA.

The Seventh Annual Conclave was held at Council Bluffs, October 14th, 1871. R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower, Grand Commander. Fifteen Chartered and one Commandery under Dispensation represented. The Grand Commander in appropriate terms mentions the death of Sir Knight Charles L. Rollin, and thus speaks of his own great sorrow:

"I crave your indulgence while I for a moment intrude my silent memories on you, for I have drank some of the cup of bitterness—its sorrow. It pleased our Blessed Father to summon from me two of my precious daughters—one just budding into childhood, the other into womanhood. I was absent at the time, and He took them away on the cold winter days—one on the 9th and the other on the 11th of February last. We laid them away together, and kind friends came to mingle their tears with ours, and sympathize with us in our great grief. I tried to bear it with a Templar's faith; alas! how great a struggle. Life is robbed of half its charms, 'the silver cord is loosed, and the golden bowl is broken', and I feel myself constantly exclaiming,

'Nearer to Thee, O Lord!'

"Since then my dear wife has been nigh unto death, and I have been necessarily absent a great deal from the State on her account. From the above causes, and my protracted illness, I have been unable to devote the time and attention to our glorious Order which I had desired. It was my intention to

have visited several of our Commanderies, particularly those that I have previously visited. I have not only been deprived of the pleasure of meeting many of you face to face, and feeling the hearty pressure of your hands, but have been deprived of some of you of valuable information that you desired."

The following regulation of this Grand Commandery seems to have caused the difficulty between the Grand Commander and one of its Subordinates, viz:

"The territorial limit of each Commandery extends in every direction half the distance to another Commandery in this jurisdiction, excepting in the case of those petitioners who have direct railroad or steamboat communication with other Commanderies than the nearest, when such nearest Commandery is not so situated upon a railroad or the Mississippi river; and either of two Commanderies, as convenience and circumstances dictate, may exercise with the other concurrent jurisdiction over any government township through which an ar line between such Commanderies may be traced."

The Subordinate Commandery not being satisfied with the decision of the Grand Commandery, very indiscreetly appeals to the Grand Master of the United States, who returns the documents to the Grand Commander with the following comments:

"My duty compels me to return them to you, as the recognized executive officer of Templar Masonry in the State of Iowa, rather than to the Commander of De Payens Commandery, one of your subordinate officers. The document marked 'A' comes in such an informal manner that I cannot consider it. I maintain the question of appeal which it attempts to lay before me."

"I cannot officially have cognizance of the doings of a Grand Commandery excepting by an inspection of its record, duly authenticated by its record officer. I have no official information of any decision of the Grand Commander of Iowa, and therefore I cannot reverse it, as requested to do in this document."

"In like manner I decline to give an official opinion upon the constitutionality of the laws of your Grand Commandery, unless, first, I am requested to do by the Grand Commandery or by the Grand Commander, or, secondly, an authenticated copy is laid before me, and, as Grand Master, I am satisfied by inspection thereof, that it is my bounden duty to declare it unconstitutional under the obligation of my vow of office."

The Grand Commander devotes four pages to the description of the merits of the Grand Encampment, and closes his excellent address with a fervent appeal for our then sorrow stricken city.

The following resolutions express more feelingly the regards of the Sir Knights of Iowa:

"WHEREAS, Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 17, at Council Bluffs, in accordance with the usual custom of giving a banquet in honor of the Grand Commander, had appropriated therefor the sum of six hundred dollars; and

"WHEREAS, Said Commandery, instead of so using it, sent it to our sub-brother Knights of Chicago; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Commandery tender to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 17, its sincere and hearty thanks for so doing, and thus exemplifying the sublime principles of our Order."

A constitutional number of Sir Knights, residing within a less distance than forty miles from a chartered Commandery, applied to the Grand Commandery for a charter, which was granted, the Committee deeming the following questions as the only ones, under the circumstances, necessary to be answered:

"1st. Can the applicants successfully and prosperously maintain a new Commandery?"

"2d. Will the granting of such charter so impair and weaken the nearest Commandery that it would not be prudent, regarding the general interests of the Order, to constitute such new Commandery?"

V. E. Sir Theodore S. Parvin presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-six Grand Commanderies. The name is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the production. He says

"In our examination of the various Proceedings we have learned that universal peace and prosperity prevail in all the borders of Knighthood; that the Order is progressing rapidly in numbers both of members and Commanderies.

"The Order has secured a strong hold not only upon the Masonic fraternity, but the public mind, which views with unusual interest its progress and its public displays, recalling, as they do, the days when the valiant Knights went forth to battle for the Christian religion and the good of mankind.

"It behooves us here to repeat the warning so often trumpeted from the outer walls of our Asylums to all who bear or submit to rule, to guard most assiduously the door of admission; to let none pass unless in possession of the password of *good report* among their fellow-men. The days of prosperity, rather than those of adversity, are the ones most to be feared. Opposition cements and strengthens the Order, and leads to watchfulness; while commendation is apt to engender carelessness and indifference to the weak points in the citadel in which we are entrenched. Vigilance, eternal vigilance, is no more the price of liberty than it is of prosperity and permanence to the Order of Templars."

Illinois for 1870 receives courteous attention.

R. E. Sir Pitkin C. Wright, of DeWitt, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 21 Commanderies; 842 members; 145 created.

KANSAS.

The Third Annual Conclave assembled at Topeka, October 16th, 1871. R. E. Sir William O. Gould, Grand Commander, presiding, and the Representatives of five Subordinates present.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says: "Peace and harmony pervade the Templar ranks, not only in our own jurisdiction, but throughout the land;"

reports his official acts as few ; no questions of jurisprudence submitted ; no compensations for new Commanderies issued.

Having been corresponded with from different localities, for information and advice in regard to the formation of new bodies, he says :

"I have felt compelled in each case to advise delay until they were sufficiently beyond a doubt that they were fully able to sustain a Commandery creditably. My idea is, that we want no sickly fledglings, who have not vitality enough to create a healthy existence ; and although there are many places where a Commandery and Chapter may be well sustained, yet the additional expense and energy necessary to successfully conduct a Commandery is such (and which, as a general rule, is imposed upon a few, especially at the organization,) that in my opinion there are few localities outside of our most populous towns where a Commandery could be successfully maintained."

The Grand Commandery of Maryland recognized, and the Grand Encampment representative system recognized by numerous appointments.

The actions of the Eighteenth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment with its actions, *fetes*, and reunions, fully discussed.

Of the action in regard to the Council Degrees, he says :

"Although directed by the vote of the Grand Commandery to use our endeavors to have the Council Degrees made prerequisite for those of the Grand Commandery, I can individually say that I am glad that the Grand Encampment, by an overwhelming vote, decided not to make any change, for I do not deem it expedient now to require the thousands of Knights who have not received Council Degrees to take them because some others happen to be possessed of them. It never have been required since the organization of the Grand Encampment. I think it would be injustice to require them now."

E. Sir John H. Brown presents the report on Correspondence, in which he fully and ably reviews the transactions of twenty-three (23) Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1870 receives courteous mention. Sir Knight Brown having assumed the baton of authority, we shall miss him for a twelvemonth from the reportorial.

R. E. Sir John H. Brown, of Leavenworth, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir Erasmus T. Carr, of Leavenworth, Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 5 Subordinates ; 175 members ; 37 created.

KENTUCKY.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky was held at Frankfort, July 10th, 1872. R. E. Sir M. H. Smith, Grand Commander, presiding, with eleven Subordinates represented.

A quarter of a century having elapsed since the organization of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander thus addresses the assembled Sir Knights :

"A quarter of a century ago a small but earnest and noble band of Knights Templar met and organized the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. They

resented *three* Commanderies and less than a hundred Sir Knights; yet with a firm faith in the future prosperity of our Order, and a glowing love for its sublime mysteries and sacred teachings, they gathered around its symbolic standard, and dedicated it to the service of oppressed humanity and the defense of the Christian religion. From that day, in spite of envy and malice, surviving social and political revolutions, gathering strength even in the midst of contending armies and the horrors of fratricidal strife, its progress has been steadily onward, its ranks have been constantly increased until to-day we have assembled, not unnoticed or unknown, the representatives of fourteen Commanderies and nearly a thousand Knights of the Temple.

"With devout gratitude to God for the prosperity He has given our beloved Order, we invoke upon your present assembly His especial blessing and the presence of His spirit—a spirit of peace and love. If our annual gatherings have heretofore been bright spots, oases in the pilgrimage of life, this ought especially to be an occasion of joy and congratulation. Throughout the whole country our Order is united and prosperous. Every difficulty has disappeared, and every disagreement has been harmonized. The ranks have closed up. The tramp of thirty thousand Sir Knights, shoulder to shoulder, in serried ranks, is heard throughout the land. And if the brilliant rays of the morning sun shed an imperial lustre upon our banner, the soft mellow light streaming from the West foretells the splendor of the day to come.

"Especially, Sir Knights, I congratulate you upon the harmony and prosperity of the Order in our own jurisdiction. The utmost peace and good will prevail. No contention has existed during the entire year, 'except that noble contention, or rather emulation, as to who could best work and best agree.' And yet, permit me to remind you that your responsibilities and duties are by no means lessened because of peace and prosperity. When the sky is clear and favoring breezes fill the sails, the good mariner prepares for the storm which may come. The Crusades were not the first, nor have we seen the last, contest between truth and error. The enemies of the tenets of our Order, which we hold sacred, and to whose support we have pledged our Knightly honor, are more numerous and powerful to-day than all the armies ever assembled by infidel and Saracen on the shores of the Bosphorus or the plains of Palestine. May the result of your deliberations on this occasion be the cementing of our bonds of fraternal love, and the begetting of a renewed enthusiasm for those grand and essential truths which our sublime ceremonies symbolize."

He thus speaks of the decease of the venerable and esteemed frater, Sir Philip Swigert:

"Fifty-two years a Mason, a Templar for more than a quarter of a century, a constant attendant upon all meetings of the Grand Masonic bodies, in whose deliberations he took an important part, and whose chief offices he has often filled, his name has long since become a Masonic household word. Dignified, courteous, earnest, he impressed all with his purity of heart. The rectitude of his life and his unflinching trust in the blessed Immanuel have left to his bereaved

friends and sorrowing brethren the priceless assurance that he has but exchanged the sordid garb of humanity for one of eternal splendor.

"He was a noble specimen of an earnest, large-hearted Mason. Shortly after his twenty-first birth-day he became a Mason, and we find him fifty-one years ago a representative in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. He was the first Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, an office which he held for seven years. In every branch of Masonry he exercised a constant and powerful influence. He was one of the very few in whom the experience and utilitarianism of age had not blunted the enthusiasm of youth. The same devotion which he had in early manhood to the principles of our Order, distinguished him in middle life and in old age."

Of the meeting of the Grand Encampment at Baltimore, at which he was present, he arrives at the following conclusion:

"If the best interests of the Order are consulted, the members of the Grand Encampment will find it necessary in future to subordinate the social to duty."

Dispensations were issued for three new Commanderies.

The address closes with the following, the lesson of which should find a ready response in every Templar's heart:

"When Valette was Grand Master of the Knights of Malta, that island was for the last time attacked by the Turks. With a Grand armament and a host of soldiers, they made a combined attack on land and sea. For four months the Knights sustained the unequal contest. Aid had been promised them in the hour of extremity from Spain. Weary with the long contest, and reduced to a handful by war and famine, they dispatched a courier to Spain to learn why the promised assistance had been so long delayed. They watched, as desperate men watch, his return.

"Weeks elapsed. From the lofty look-out of the castle, eager eyes were strained by day and by night to catch a glimpse of his coming. At last he came and reported that in six weeks the Spanish fleet would come to their relief. Six weeks! And this to men who had exhausted every art and every resource. Then the grand old Commander assembled once more his forces for the contest; and as their thinned ranks filed past him with their tattered beauseant fluttering in the breeze, he thus addressed them: 'Sir Knights, heretofore we have trusted in the arm of flesh; henceforth let us trust in the arm of the Great Jehovah alone. And they did trust in the arm of the Great Jehovah, and that day they performed such prodigies of valor as drove the Turk forever from their shores.'"

E. Sir William C. Munger presents his annual report on Correspondence, reviewing in detail the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Commanderies, of which Illinois receives courteous mention.

R. E. Sir W. H. Warren, of Lexington, was elected Grand Commander; Sir William C. Munger, of Franklin, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 14 Subordinates; 734 members; 163 created.

LOUISIANA.

The three Commanderies composing the Grand Commandery of Louisiana assembled at New Orleans February 16th, 1872. R. E. Sir John A. Stevenson, Grand Commander, presiding. M. E. Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, Grand Master of Templars of the United States, being announced, was received with the honors due his exalted station.

The address of the Grand Commander is short and local in character; the several orders of the Grand Master are mentioned and spread upon the records.

A short report on Correspondence is submitted by E. Sir Joseph P. Hornor, in which he reports having received the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Commanderies, of which he says briefly:

"All of these Proceedings have the pure air of courteous chivalry, and all declare that throughout the length and breadth of the land peace and harmony prevail; the assured prosperity of our beloved Order, the steady and healthy increase of our numbers, the high moral characteristics that are developed amongst us, and the influence we are gradually extending, are set forth at length in these volumes, and debated and discussed with an ability only more remarkable for its temperance than its zeal. Few questions involving any difference of opinion have arisen, and we propose to notice only the most prominent subjects brought forward."

Sir Knight Hornor thus effectually finishes the invasion of the jurisdiction of California by New Hampshire (Illinois has had the same invasion of her rights):

"A man who has been made a Royal Arch Mason surely knows that he cannot legally receive any Masonic degree except at the place of his domicile, and the fact of his applying elsewhere for advancement is convincing proof that he could not obtain it at home, and therefore deliberately perpetrates a fraud upon the brethren of his residence when he so applies in another place, and acts a deception upon those of the latter; if this is overlooked, it becomes a precedent, others follow the example so successfully set them, until finally the bad element would prevail in the Order and destruction follow. But if, on the contrary, immediately upon its discovery, the fraudulent deceiver be cut off at once and forever from the society he has crawled into, and loaded with disgrace and ignominy, instead of honors and congratulations, men will prefer to remain without the walls of our sanctuary rather than be expelled, with nothing for their pains, and will knock boldly at the proper door with a feeling of certainty that none but good and true pass through it."

We quote his remarks regarding uniform and drill, premising that Illinois acted in 1871 under the authority of the then Grand Master.

"These subjects occupy more of the attention of our fraters than any others, and they are, indeed, very important. It is very evident that our present uniform does not give universal satisfaction, and that in all directions suggestions are made for its improvement and modification; yet it is quite clear, also, that a very

large majority are opposed to any change. A proposition was made at Baltimore, which had our sympathy, to get rid of the shoulder straps and signal the rank of the officer by a different colored plume and belt; purple for Grand Master, crimson for officers of Grand Commandery, green for Commanders, etc. and there were other propositions suggesting other alterations. Illinois, in 1871, assumed (without any authority) to prescribe a uniform for itself; it is similar to that of the Grand Encampment, with sundry and divers additions in the shape of gold lace on officers' hats, and crosses on the collars (*a la* 'so-called' uniform). The Grand Encampment was much exorcised over the matter of uniform, and appointed a very able Committee to discuss it, which they did to disagreement, the majority making a compromise report and the minority advocating the laying of the whole subject on the table; and although we are sure that a majority of the members present were in favor of a change, yet an overwhelming number were opposed to that reported by the majority of the Committee; the minority report was almost unanimously adopted, and the subject matter was, we trust, consigned for a long time to come, to the tomb of the Capulets. We have held our official position long enough to have seen this same action thrice repeated, at Columbus in 1865, at St. Louis in 1868, and in Baltimore in 1871, and we think it is time that it ceased to be discussed and that everybody should submit and conform to the law as it is, and stop the wearing of unauthorized trappings and trimmings. We are no defender of the propriety of the incongruous uniform that the law compels us to wear, but we fear and obey the law, and know that it is best for all to do so. The action of the Grand Encampment has been followed by a specific edict of the Grand Master, based upon that action, and the death knell of gold lace and Major General coats has sounded, and we shall see them no more amongst us.

"The subject of drill has been thoroughly discussed in the Grand Commanderies, and it is to be regretted that no action could be had upon it at Baltimore, but it was so clearly allied with the question of uniform that it shared the same fate, and no action was had upon it. It is not so important, to our mind, that we should have a common system of drill, as it is that our dress should be uniform, for it may never be that Commanderies from different States shall be drilled together, and if that should happen, little difference exists in the battalion exercises of the different tacticians; the farthest that the Grand Encampment has ever gone in this direction, was, at Columbus, in 1865, to recommend the system of drill compiled by R. E. Sir Orrin Welsh, of New York; this we have always used ourself, and found it to answer all needful purposes; but after witnessing the beautiful evolutions executed at Baltimore under other systems, we would not willingly see its use made compulsory. The difficulty in the matter of drill is not so much the want of uniformity in the various Grand Commanderies, but the entire lack of attention to it; all over the country Grand Commanderies are exhorting their members to pay attention to this; the civilization of the time has made it necessary that Knights Templars should frequently appear in public, and much as some of our older heads may object to this as unmasonic, it will be done, and if an excuse is necessary it will be soon urged that parades are made

not as *Masons*, but as *Templars*, and if so made, and they will be, a certain amount of drilling is necessary to present a respectable appearance. The peculiar ceremonies of the opening and closing of a Commandery of Knights Templar should never be omitted; the Grand Commandery of Alabama has wisely intimated its pleasure in that direction, by a resolution, which next year may be an edict, and the necessity seems apparent, to at least prohibit, in some manner, the public appearance of any undrilled Sir Knight in uniform."

R. E. Sir Richard Lambert was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir Gustavus Sontag, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 3 Subordinates; 278 members; 30 created.

MAINE.

The Twenty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine was held at Portland, May 8th, 1872. R. E. Sir Henry H. Dickey, Grand Commander, presiding. Eleven Subordinates represented.

The addresses of the several officers of the Grand Commandery are principally devoted to local matters and their several visitations. In regard to Order No. 3 of the Grand Master, in regard to uniform, the Grand Commander says:

"I fully sympathize with you in your attachment to your old costume. Endeared as it is to you by old associations, and your own opinions as to its beauty and appropriateness, I do not wonder that you are loth to part with it; but I can only counsel submission to the requirements of the Grand Encampment, to which we have all vowed allegiance. The Grand Master is the authorized interpreter of the law, and from his decision there is no appeal. This Grand Body has always been unswerving in her allegiance to the Grand Encampment, when others were in actual or quasi rebellion. She has kept her vows of fealty in *spirit* as well as *form*, and I feel assured that the sons will never tarnish the record the fathers have left.

"I am satisfied that your Grand Master does not intend to have this order enforced in an arbitrary or unjust manner, nor to require its immediate enforcement, when that would destroy any of our Subordinates; but that we must eventually conform I have no doubt."

The Grand Commander also notices in appropriate language the decease of P. G. Commander Sir Abner B. Thompson.

E. Sir Josiah H. Drummond presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of all the Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1871 receives courteous attention. In conclusion, he says:

"Upon a review of the whole field, we have abundant reason for encouragement and renewed zeal. Though vacant places are made in our ranks by the death of the brave and the good, those who survive close up steadily, and our lines are even *extended* by the addition of new recruits, zealous and eager to promote the principles they have espoused. We discern, too, an increasing disposition for a higher discipline—discipline in its highest and best sense—among

ourselves, by the repression of intemperance, profanity and kindred vices, and a curbing of the inclination for ostentation and display which had begun to show itself to an almost alarming extent. Yet there is room and need for

'More of truth and more of sight,
More of love and more of light,
More of reason and of right.'

"The great lever, after all, by which we must elevate humanity, is love for our brother man. The Fatherhood of God, the Messiahship of Christ, and the Brotherhood of man, all teach the great lesson of love—the love which cannot exist without including all those three in its scope.

'Then, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother!
For where love dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other;
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

'Follow, with reverent steps, the great example
Of Him whose holy work was doing good;
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.'

R. E. Sir Henry H. Dickey, of Lewiston, was elected Grand Commander.
E. Sir Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 11 Subordinates; 1,224 members; 150 created.

MARYLAND.

The Second Annual Conclave was held at Baltimore, May 15th, 1872. R. E. Charles H. Mann, Grand Commander, E. Sir Frank J. Kugler, Grand Recorder. Four Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is principally a *resume* of the labor incident to the entertainment of the Grand Encampment, at its last triennial session. One dispensation issued. The following decision was made by the Grand Commander:

"A young Mason, who had received the Degrees in Canada, applied for the Orders of the Temple in one of our Commanderies, but being under age decided he could not receive them. His friends thought it unjust, as he came accredited from a legal Lodge and Chapter, who confer the Degrees at times on minors. I stated his case to Grand Master Fellows; his answer not being positive in the premises, I declined to reconsider my decision. I have long held the opinion that a great wrong is done Chivalric Masons by young men rushed through the Lodge and Chapter and into the Order of the Temple as soon as they arrive at lawful age, and before they can realize the responsibilities placed upon them by the symbolic Degrees. I cast no reflection upon the young Mason in question for I believe him to be all we might desire, if he were of lawful age."

The appointment of Grand Representatives by the Grand Commander was concurred in, and the Grand Commandery of Nebraska recognized.

E. Sir Herman L. Emmons, Jr., submitted the report on Correspondence

in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-six Grand Commanderies, in which Illinois receives courteous mention.

R. E. Sir Charles H. Mann, of Towsentown, was re-elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Frank J. Kugler, of Baltimore, Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 5 Subordinates ; 599 members ; 175 created.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

A well printed book of 240 pages, with the genial face of Past Grand Master Sir William Sewall Gardner, as a frontispiece, contains the several special, semi-annual and annual Conclaves of this Grand Commandery, over which R. E. Sir Benjamin Dean presided as Grand Commander. A Special Conclave, November 18th, 1870, was convened at East Boston, to constitute William Parkman Commandery, and install its officers.

On the 29th of November, a Special Conclave was convened in South Boston, to install the officers of St. Omer Commandery ; also on Friday, March 31st, 1871, to attend the funeral of Sir Charles Robbins, Past Grand Generalissimo ; and on the 12th of May, to constitute Northampton Commandery at Northampton and install its officers.

The Semi-Annual Assembly was held in the city of Boston, May 26th, 1871, at which the work and lectures were fully rehearsed.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That no Subordinate Commandery within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, has any right to appear on public parade in Templar costume, without first obtaining a Dispensation from the Grand Commander, except to attend Masonic funerals."

A Special Assembly was held at East Weymouth, October 13th, 1871, to constitute South Shore Commandery, and install its officers. The Grand Commander, in his address, gives the following good advice :

"If a brother errs, be not the first to shun him. If a brother falls into bad habits and evil ways, be not the first by cold neglect or more active means to accelerate his fall. Hold him up rather ; encourage him ; stimulate him to exertion ; encourage him to fight manfully the good fight against the temptations, the vanities, the follies of this world to which our weak natures are so prone ; and finally, if he is conquered in the fight, and leaves for the other world while under a cloud and in disgrace, remember that our Saviour in His great mercy, recognizing our weakness, taught us to pray that we might not be led into temptation, and throw over the fallen brother the broad mantle of Charity—the white mantle he strove to wear worthily, but could not for lack of strength, marked with the cross he was too weak to carry. That is charity. To court the great and powerful, to attend the funeral of the rich and good man, to place over his grave the monumental effigy, is not charity. The profane do such things. When we carry to the grave the poor brother who left not the wherewith to bury him, and place above the lonely

mount the simple headstone, that headstone becomes a monument, not to the dead, but a monument of living charity. In these acts of charity, fear not the opinion of the profane rabble, ever remembering, that the people demanded the death of our Saviour, and that He whose death they demanded, has the power and will reward that charity which He taught us was the greatest of virtues."

The Sixty-first Annual Assembly was held in Boston, October 27th, 1871. The address of the Grand Commander is confined to local matters. The order of the Grand Commandery forbidding parades, without special dispensation from the Grand Commander, seems to have given Sir Knight Dean much trouble. Hear what he says :

"I know you will be astonished when I tell you, that notwithstanding the attempt to confine public parades within some reasonable limit, there has been so much of it during the past six months. One reason may be, that we have never before had any knowledge as to the amount of it. There have been, irrespective of the displays incident to laying of the corner stone of the new Post-office, and the travel to and from Boston on that occasion, public parades in Boston, Lawrence, Haverhill, Salem, Lynn, Nahant, Gloucester, Rockport, Charlestown, Melrose, Fitchburg, New Bedford, Nantucket, Providence, Woonsocket and Springfield within our own jurisdiction, and in some of these places a number of times. Also, by our Commanderies in New York, Newburg, Albany, Saratoga in the State of New York, in Portland, Maine, and in Dover, New Hampshire.

"Though the record is startling, I think the practice will diminish, and that the labors of your Commander will not prove fruitless. All now know that no parade in public can take place without a dispensation ; and I have ruled, that (except to fulfill previous engagements), no dispensation shall be granted for a mere parade, unconnected with any Masonic object. They cannot continue with the frequency of the past, without bringing the institution into contempt."

The following preamble and resolution was adopted :

"WHEREAS, Templarism is an institution founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, and

"WHEREAS, Temperance is one of the chief Christian virtues, and is enjoined upon us by the Christian religion, and

"WHEREAS, The spreading indiscriminately before the companions who assemble at the banquets customary in our Order, wines and intoxicating liquors may tempt to excess and intemperance,

"Be it therefore Resolved, That henceforth, no wines or intoxicating liquors shall be furnished, or permitted to be introduced at any banquet given by this Grand Body."

No report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Nicolas Van Slyck, of Providence, R. I., was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Grand Recorder.

Statistics ; 34 Subordinates ; 4,266 members ; 577 created.

MINNESOTA.

The Seventh Annual Conclave was held at St. Paul, June 24th, 1872. R. E. Sir George L. Otis, Grand Commander. Seven Subordinates represented. The address of the Grand Commander is short and local. He says:

"So smoothly has coursed the current of events among the Knights of this jurisdiction during the past year, so quiet and unbroken has been its surface, disturbed not by so much as a ripple of contention, that hardly an official act on my part has been called for or rendered necessary."

Of the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment, he says:

"The business done at this session will appear in due time from the published Proceedings, and does not require comment at this time. This business did not seem to concentrate all the interest of the occasion, and the things left undone were, perhaps, quite as notable as the things done. There certainly was much of interest outside of business in its proper sense. The one prominent thing, however, overshadowing in its magnificent proportions all things else, and rendering the occasion one never to be forgotten, was the generous, cordial, open-handed hospitality extended to us on every hand by the citizens of the Monumental city. A Marylander is by nature generous, unselfish and hospitable. He has inherited his social virtues from a long line of ancestors, among whom the graces of social life have always eminently prevailed. Politeness and good breeding are inborn—a part of his natural growth. They spring from no hot-bed culture, but come forth spontaneously and without effort, like the spring flower beside the mountain brook. He wears them like a garment as naturally as spring wears her mantle of green, but it is a garment which he never puts off. Moons wax and wane, revolving seasons come and go, and fill up the span of his life with the changes and vicissitudes that befall other men, but whatever his lot in life, and whatever ebb or flow of fortune betide, his politeness, good breeding and fine social instincts never forsake him.

"The highest type of this genial, social and polite people is found in Baltimore city. No fact in ethnology can be demonstrated with greater certainty, besides the corroborative evidence of the five thousand Knights Templar who attended this triennial meeting."

E. Sir E. D. B. Porter submitted the report on Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Commanderies, among them Illinois for 1871.

E. Sir Moses W. Getchell, of Minneapolis, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir E. D. B. Porter, of St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 7 Subordinates; 458 members.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Twelfth Annual Conclave was held at Holly Springs, January 20th, 1872. R. E. Sir Wm. S. Patton, Grand Commander. Eight Subordinates represented. We make one or two extracts from the address of the Grand Commander,

which is devoted to the general spirit of the Order, having nothing of an character to bring before the Grand Commandery. He says :

"As Knights Templar we bow at the Christian Altar and worship Christian's God, through the Saviour of the world. In His name let us return our sincere thanks to our God for His preservation through the and His promises for the future ; and that He may direct our counsels deliberating for the good of the Order in our beloved Mississippi. We are together not only by the sacred vows of Knighthood, but by every aspiration of the human heart, by every precept of that Christianity for the defense of our lives are most solemnly pledged ; and if we but stand steadfast, our unbroke, firmly grasping the Sword of Truth, and with impartial justice it in defense of helpless orphans, destitute widows, and the Christian religion we may confidently rely upon the favor and protection of Him in whom we our hopes. Before our banners skepticism will hide her deformed face, and fanaticism hang its head in shameful silence, when the words '*In Hoc Signo* V appear in blazing letters to condemn such a course."

He thus warns :

"To our mind, there never was a time fraught with so much interest to the Order, since its existence as an institution, as at the present. Whilst the beauty of the Temple have reared its battlements even unto the skies, and its incense daily ascends from its numberless altars erected by faithful hands, again descending to the earth, distilling its sweet fragrance like the dews upon the children of men, where it exerts its beautifying and vivifying influence upon the mind, and unheard, except as seen and heard and felt in the mental elevation of those who visit its sacred Christian precincts. But we feel, resplendent as it has become with its own beauty and perfection, it is now an object of universal admiration. In times like the present, when corruption—a deceitful world—has almost gained the mastery over all that is just, true and upright becomes our duty, as true believers in that religion we profess, to guard our thoughts and actions, bringing to bear every moral influence that good may be accomplished."

And concludes thus :

"Soon another will be chosen to occupy my place, and may your choice be such as will be satisfactory to the Sir Knights of Mississippi. It is true that the duties of life are more than life itself. Gifted as man is, with an active inquiring mind ; with a heart alive to pleasure and sorrow ; with an immortal soul after destiny—we are admonished so to live as to benefit the human race. An act of charity or benevolence done to another, creates in the bosom of the man a melody sweeter than the divinest harmony, and brings a reward far more precious than the golden fields of California. Let us, Sir Knights, remember that the great objects of our Order is the restraint of improper passions, the cultivation of an active benevolence, and the promptings of a correct knowledge of the duties we owe to God, our neighbor, and ourselves. May the benign Countenance of our Order preside over our deliberations, and under her sway, let us act

dignity becoming the high and moral character of our venerable institution, so that when our labor on earth shall close, we can look back on a life well spent and have the pleasing assurance that we will be admitted in the Grand Commandery above, and with God and angels ever dwell."

The Grand Commandery adopted the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Commandery of the State of Mississippi be respectfully requested to unite with the Grand Commandery of the State of Tennessee in asking the Grand Encampment of the United States to adopt some measures for the purpose of enabling us to communicate with Foreign Orders of Christian Knighthood and to exchange tokens with their members.

"*Resolved*, That this Commandery does not regard the Council of Red Cross Knights as an Order of Christian Chivalry; but that, in view of its impressive teachings and many attractive features, and as a connecting link between Chapter Masonry and Christian Knighthood, we desire to have it retained, though under a less anomalous name and character; and that, to that end, we beg to suggest to the Grand Commandery the propriety of instructing their Representatives in the Grand Encampment to represent to that body the expediency of relieving the Council of the anachronism and absurdity of its present name, and authorizing it to confer its beautiful and significant degree under the more appropriate name of The Order of Knights of Jerusalem."

The report on Correspondence is submitted by Sir P. M. Savery, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-three Grand Commanderies, ours for 1870 receiving courteous mention.

R. E. Sir E. George DeLap, of Nachez, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 9 Subordinates; 262 members; 44 created.

MISSOURI.

The Eleventh Annual Conclave was held at St. Louis, October 3d, 1871. R. E. Sir John D. Vincil, Grand Commander. Thirteen Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander delivered an excellent address, although circumstances had forbidden an extension of labors in behalf of the Order. Two dispensations were issued for new Commanderies.

We commend the following extract from the address to the careful and thoughtful perusal of all:

"How fares the Order in Missouri? 'What of the night?' may be questions with which you should challenge your official 'watchman' on 'the walls and watch towers of the Temple.' Ah! no more important questions could be propounded in this era of our Order's history. Is it *healthy* and pure? Does not the excessive vitality and apparent vigor betoken the wild, fierce delirium caused by a fever which is consuming the *inner life* of Templarism? Are not our *excesses* largely outweighing our *virtues*? Are our charities in proportion to indulgences? Would not the thousands of valuable treasure expended in dis-

plays, hilarities and convivialities do more to dry up the tears of 'destitute and helpless orphans' than all our *professions*? 'Good men and true' labor in the pleasing hope that when they are under the green turf their good ones will be provided for and remembered by the 'valiant and magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, whose' *once* 'well-earned fame spread both wide for acts of charity and deeds of pure beneficence.' But they pass on, and with their disappearance from active life are forgotten. Their loved ones for whom they lived and toiled, are thrown out to struggle amid the selfishness in a heartless world. Where are the hands that vowed to wield the 'sword in defense of destitute widows and helpless orphans?' How many hands are outstretched to-day in aid or 'defense of destitute widows and orphans' of our fallen fraters, who fell, with armor on, as 'pilgrim warriors'? How many of the *needy* are beneficiaries of the boasted charity, vowed to be rendered 'by counsel, purse, and sword?' How far, or to what extent, making PRACTICAL the grand characteristic of our Order, *Charity*? To what degree are we redeeming vows made to 'help, aid and assist' the needy, the poor and afflicted? Is our charity a *name*? Are our professions mere *pretenses*?

"These are sober issues. The world looks on, agape with wonder at the splendid pageantry and paraphernalia, but asks 'Where is the GOOD?' What is our answer? Can we point to *happy* widows, and the beaming faces of orphanage, and say with conscious pride, 'These are our jewels?' Such accomplishments would shine more to our glory than a thousand GRAND displays, we pride ourselves in making. Amid the splendors of such grand demonstrations, how many heart-throbs follow us with benedictions? How many souls are those made glad by Templar beneficence brighten our line of march? How many praises echo along our way in sweeter music than costly bands—that tell what we *have done*, rather than what we pretend? Are we better than the race, and proving a real good to the world? Life is too grand an endowment, and time too short for life's complete and high attainments, for us to be content with in mere child-play and nominal efforts. Many of us cannot afford to waste the energies of being in the aimless and profitless indulgences of mere animal gratification. Templarism has a great mission, as it has a grand sphere, among men. The accomplishment of its work is a great *desideratum*. A perversion or distortion of its high aims and powers is as much to be deprecated as it is to be feared. The great and dreaded tendency of the present spirit prevailing among us, is to excessive indulgence in the gross forms of *intemperance*. The convivial feeling glides into excesses, often reproachfully unfortunate, if not absolutely degrading. We cannot afford to carry such reproaches as are, often laid upon us from this cause. It is no uncommon thing now-a-days to see, and to see, Templars wearing the dress of Christian Knighthood in places of evil and dens of wickedness. I have seen Templars with their '*rigs*' on in saloons and gambling dens. I have heard of such things by wholesale. It is hardly be possible for *one* man, or a *few* men, to check the swelling tide. I have thrown my influence and example abreast the surging current. When it is so obvious that the stream cannot be stayed, then — having no *reputation* to

I must *preserve* myself. I utter a warning to the Templars of Missouri, from demoralization and excessive indulgences; the Order must be saved, or 'Ichabod' will tell our future history."

Sir Knight Vincil has the sympathy and condolence of all Sir Knights in his sorrow:

"I have only *regrets* to express that my labors have not been more useful and extensive. One year ago, when I entered upon the work and duties of this office, the future was bright and cheering to me in every view. I promised myself and the fraternity great things. But a month had scarcely elapsed ere the deepest gloom of earth settled down upon my heart, and beclouded my life's promising future. Death, always unwelcome, entered my happy home and put out its brightest light, leaving all in darkness and sorrow. The past has been *THE* dark year of my whole life. I had never known sorrow before. But little light has come into my death-darkened and sorrow-clouded home and being. The peerless and precious wife of my heart, and mother of my darling children, sleeps alone amid strangers.

'I stand on mem'ry's golden shore,
I tread life's weary rounds alone;
My *dear* departed comes *no more*,
The *all of life I love is gone.*'"

E. Sir Geo. Frank Gouley submits an excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1870 receives attention.

The Act of Incorporation, Constitution, Forms, etc., are printed with the proceedings.

R. E. Sir Francis M. Tufts, of Platte City, was elected Grand Commander;
E. Sir Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 19 Subordinates; 771 members; 145 created.

NEBRASKA.

The four legally constituted Commanderies, in the State of Nebraska, having obtained the necessary authority, assembled at Omaha, December 28th, 1871, and under the direction of E. Sir Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, organized the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, and elected Sir Harry Porter Deuel, Grand Commander, and Sir Robert W. Furnas, Grand Recorder.

The First Annual Conclave was held at Lincoln, June 19th, 1872, the Grand Officers and the four Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is a short history of the organization of the several Commanderies and the Grand Commandery. He says:

"For some years I have looked forward with pleasant anticipations to a time when our illustrious Order in this jurisdiction would assume the reins of self-government, and so, by mutual counsel, advance the interests of a body second to none in the reality of its work, and in the personal worth of its constituency.

And to-day, as I look upon this assembly, I congratulate myself upon the realization of my brightest hopes, and indulge the earnest expectation that the deliberations upon which we are about to enter, will not only redound to the good of the Order, but unite us all more firmly (if that be possible) in those bonds of love and fellowship, which it is our boast to cherish and promote towards the other."

One Dispensation issued — Mount Zion, at Plattsmouth. Our fraters and braska propose to name their organizations after the sacred mountains.

R. E. Sir Robert W. Furnas, of Brownville, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir Thomas A. Creigh, of Brownville, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 4 Subordinates; 189 members; 21 created.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Conclave was held at Concord, September 26th, 1871. T. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir John D. Patterson, presiding. Seven Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir William Barrett, was read by the Grand Recorder, in which he says:

"The past year has been one of unusual quietness and prosperity. Our growth in numbers has been steady and healthy, if not rapid. No note of discord has been heard within our lines. Our banners float proudly over the towers and watch-towers of our New Jerusalem, fanned by the gentle breezes of the sweet music of union and harmony. No wail of lamentation for beloved Knights fallen from our ranks, weary and worn by the turmoils and struggles of the battle of life, disturbs the unalloyed pleasures of this day. No complaint of Knights, of vows broken, pledges unfulfilled, and duties neglected and forgotten has reached the ear of the Grand Commander. Peace, order and fraternity everywhere prevail."

The address is principally confined to his several visitations, and local matters. In regard to the infringement of the jurisdiction of California by conferring Orders on a resident of that State, the Grand Commander says:

"I at once instituted inquiry into the matter and found that the Comrade had formerly lived at Claremont; that he had received his Blue Lodge and Tular Degrees in Claremont; that he made application for the honor of Knighthood claiming to belong in Claremont. Upon receiving this information I immediately communicated it to R. E. Sir Charles L. Wiggin, and have since heard from him, and therefore presume that it was satisfactory."

E. Sir Knight Fellows submits an able and lengthy report on Correspondence in which he reviews the Proceedings of thirty Grand Bodies, including California, England, Ireland and Scotland, filling one hundred and fourteen pages of condensed type. Illinois for 1870 is courteously reviewed.

R. E. Sir John D. Patterson, of Manchester, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir John A. Harris, of Concord, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 9 Subordinates; 852 members; 80 created.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fourteenth Annual Conclave was held at Trenton, September 10th, 1872. R. E. Sir William W. Goodwin, Grand Commander, and 12 Subordinates represented. The Grand Commander was absent, most of his official term, from the State, and upon his return met with a serious accident which confined him to his room. He says in his address :

"During the past year I have not been called upon for any decisions upon questions of jurisprudence, nor have any appeals been presented to me for review ; which is certainly very gratifying to me, and bespeaks a knowledge and intelligent appreciation of the statutes and regulations adopted for the government of the Sir Knights in this jurisdiction.

"I do not now call to mind any business of importance to be presented for your consideration other than the usual routine. What is done let it be performed as becomes those who are laboring for the future welfare of humanity."

He thus speaks of an evil, and one that is increasing to an alarming extent in our Order :

"I allude to one of the greatest evils that mars the usefulness of our Asylums—the inordinate desire for office. How often do we witness the mortifying sight, of those whom we have recommended as fit to become *courteous* and *magnanimous* Knights among us, commencing the *un*-Knightly strife for office, for place and for power ! How unblushingly he will speak of his own merits, jostling aside the earnest, patient, and weary pilgrim who has fought the good fight and won the crown through *true* merit ! And how often do we witness such an aspirant reaching the goal of his ambition before he has even learned the alphabet of the science he should be able to teach, while he who *has* won the prize steps aside and allows the striver for office to overstep him and seize the laurels that belong to others !"

The remaining officers make report of their several official visits, etc.

The Grand Commanderies of Nebraska and Arkansas recognized as follows :

"WHEREAS, Grand Commanderies have been instituted in the States of Nebraska and Arkansas ;

"*Therefore, Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery recognize them as peers in the galaxy of Grand Commanderies of the United States, and extend to each of them the most cordial and fraternal relations, and courteously extend to them the desire of representation near this Grand Body."

E. Sir Thomas J. Corson, the jocose, submitted his lengthy report on Correspondence, included in one hundred and fifty pages, reviewing the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1871 receives her share of attention. Sir Corson is struck with the initial letters on our shield, which I think are the initials of the signet ring approved some years ago by the Grand Encampment, to be worn on the index finger, the Latin of which is '*Pro Deo et Patria*,' afterward adopted upon the Seal of our Grand Commandery.

We would like to quote largely from this excellent report, but are rem to cut our story short, and to appreciate Corson one must take him from n to the end. In conclusion of his admirable report he says:

"In our notices of the different Grand Commanderies, we have made liberal extracts therefrom, and have so fully commented upon the various su presented, that nothing more is needed. You have been made acquainted the condition of Chivalric Masonry throughout our land; and surely the he every Knight must be filled to overflowing with joy and gladness as he be the strength and glory of Templar Masonry at the present time, and c assured prospect of prosperity in the future. Discord is unknown amon and this grand army of Christian Knights marches on, as with the steps c man, knowing that He who leads us is invincible, and that, while we follow His direction, no harm can befall us, but that sure and certain victory awa Love, fraternal love, glorifies our altars; charity sanctifies the court; of our ples; peace reigns triumphant in our Asylums; plenty and prosperity dw our tents; and everywhere are heard the songs of triumph and the no grateful thanksgiving to Him who hath so abundantly blessed us. Our mother, the Grand Encampment, sits a peerless queen, enthroned amid her subjects—loyal from love, not fear—loyal in thought, word and deed—from an earnest desire to serve her—loyal with no hope of fee or reward from a sense of duty, the performance of which brings delight. Throughout whole domain of this broad land, there is not a Knight whose sword would leap from its scabbard to maintain her dignity and uphold her power—no who would not hasten to avenge an insult to her honor, for she reigns a que Divine right, over willing subjects, who recognize her authority as a dutiful does that of a loving parent. Is not this all true? Aye! verily so, as a antly proven by the harmonious proceedings of every Grand Commandery land. The power of Christian love is invincible, and the heart of every Templar yields to that power. Shall this continue so?—shall our Order conquering and to conquer?—shall Templar Masonry keep the proud emi which she now occupies? That depends on you, Sir Knights, and me. On ea every Sir Knight in the land rests the responsibility, to a certain extent, o serving the purity and maintaining the renown of our Order. If we are fa to our vows—if we fail to practice those Christian virtues which are tau our Asylums—if our deportment in life does not accord with our professio if we act dishonorably or dishonestly—if we do not subdue our passions, ave those black crimes of envy, hate and malice—if we practice not universal ity and acts of pure beneficence—if we do not all these things, and more are we foresworn Knights—then are our swords tarnished and disgraced, a unworthily wear upon our breast the symbol of Christ's suffering and glory, we have defiled! It behooves us, Sir Knights, to recognize the fact that our position as Knights Templar is one of very great honor, it is also one o great responsibility. Let us ever bear in mind that we cannot do an evil or leave undone a sacred duty, without degrading ourselves and bringing s

and reproach upon that Christian Order which shelters and protects us, and which we have sworn to reverence and support. Let us at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances, ever bear in mind that every indiscreet act, every unguarded word, every imprudent expression of ours, may exercise an evil influence which we may never be able to counteract. Let us lay to heart these wise words of the good old Thomas a Kempis, to the end that we may be so influenced by them that our words and acts shall prove that each of us is entitled to the proud title — and no nobler title can any man bear — of a true Knight Templar: 'O, if thou didst but consider how much inward peace unto thyself, and joy unto others, thou wouldest procure by demeaning thyself well, I think that thou wouldest be more careful of thy spiritual progress.'"

R. E. Sir Jerome B. Borden, of New Brunswick, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Thomas J. Corson, of Trenton, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 12 Subordinates; 857 members; 139 created.

NEW YORK.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Conclave was held at Albany, October 10th, 1871. R. E. Sir George Babcock, Grand Commander. Forty-two Subordinates represented. The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

"The year has been a busy and an eventful one to the world outside, and to us of the inner temple it has been fraught with peace, harmony and prosperity."

Dispensations for five new Commanderies issued, all of which were reported in flourishing condition. He also recommends to abolish the system of dividing the State into districts presided over by one of the nine Grand Officers, and the appointment of a Grand Inspector General, whose duty it shall be, at least once in each year, to visit and inspect every Commandery in the State.

After careful inquiry the Grand Commander reports about three thousand Knights to be fully uniformed and equipped; average attendance about twenty-eight; about fourteen Commanderies out of forty-two conferring the Order of Knights of Malta.

Sir John W. Simons presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-four Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1870 receives attention. He says:

"The Nineteenth Annual Report on Correspondence is herewith presented, and occasion taken to offer to the Grand Commander and the Knighthood of the jurisdiction the pleasing assurance that the tidal wave of prosperity, upon which the Order has been upborne for so many years past, still continues with undiminished vigor, its forward course. Wherever we turn we find that peace reigns in our Asylums, and that the Order is more than realizing the anticipations of its founders, and moving upward and onward in the fulfillment of its mission. The effect of a wise administration of the affairs of the Grand Encampment is seen in this result, and we are thus incited to a more faithful obedience to its laws, and to the cheerful upholding of such measures as may tend to secure its prosperity and continu-

ance, seeing that we thus secure our own foundations and enlarge our opportunities for good. It should be a source of pleasant reflection to the elder Knights who are soon to retire from the scenes of this world, that they have wisely and considerably labored to strengthen the bonds of union between all the parts of the Order, and that they leave to the younger fraters, who are gradually filling their places, the example of a faithful devotion to duty, and success and honor as the natural and legitimate result thereof.

"As we pass to the labors of our annual review, we feel more than ever how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; and we tender to all our fraters our most sincere wishes that the kind relations now existing among them may continue to grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength."

With regard to the late festivities of the Grand Encampment, Sir James Simons says a few words:

"We may here be pardoned a word in relation to the festivities which the past years have accompanied the meetings of these organizations. Some are inclined to blame them, others to regard them as having a strong tendency to promote good feeling, and cement the bonds of union between the different parts of the country."

"One thing is certain. They are very expensive, and rest heavily, not only on the entertainers, but the guests, some of whom, as in this instance, travel more than a thousand miles to be present. It seems quite clear that they must be diminished in extent, without affecting the objects sought to be attained. The heavy burden of expense be thus diminished. As things are now arranged, it seems certain that the coming meetings will be considerably more quiet than their immediate predecessors. The distance to be traveled, and the less number of Commanderies in the Southern States, will make the New Orleans meeting considerably more tranquil than that at Baltimore, while the General Chapter at Nashville will escape the confusion altogether; but then when the bodies come together again in some Northern or Western city, the same enthusiasm of six years will find vent in a jubilee equal to, if not surpassing anything that has yet been done. Personally, we would be in favor of a more modest style of welcome and entertainment, but we do not assume to be the custodian of other people's acts, and presume that when the time comes we shall see what we shall see."

R. E. Sir Robert N. Brown, of Buffalo, was elected Grand Commander. Sir Robert Macoy, of New York, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 47 Subordinates; 5,629 members; 761 created.

OHIO.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave was held at Sandusky, September 1871. R. E. Sir Heman Ely, Grand Commander. Twenty-two Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is quite lengthy, and devoted to local matters. He notices, in appropriate and feeling language, the decease of Sir Knight Thomas Sparrow, late V. E. Dep. Grand Commander. Dispensations for two new Commanderies issued. The question of fees and dues, and the suspension for non-payment of dues, discussed.

After seven years of service, Sir Knight Ely retires from the office he has so faithfully and ably filled.

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That hereafter the penalty of expulsion shall not be imposed for the mere non-payment of dues, but the payment of dues may be enforced by the penalty of suspension ; and upon continued neglect, after due and reasonable notice, to make such payment, such delinquent Sir Knights may be tried on charges and specifications, after having been summoned to answer the same."

Sir Knight Robert Gwynn presents an excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-five Grand Commanderies, among them Illinois for 1870.

Sir Knight Gwynn resigns the reportorial quill.

" And now, Sir Knights, on drawing this report to a close, allow your committee to renew the request made by them a year ago — that they may be excused from all participation in these reports in future. We are earnest now, and we were then, in this request, and beg to assure you, in all Knightly courtesy, that nothing but an imperative necessity can induce us to continue to write the reports on Correspondence for another year.

" It is an arduous and laborious task, requiring much sacrifice of time and a greater exercise of ability than the meagre space allowed in the compass of these reports will permit, even had we that necessary ability to bestow ; and then, besides, the task to us has been a thankless one, bringing no adequate reward, not even thanks.

" To those with whom we have been associated for these many years, in the production of these annual reports, we, in resigning our membership in the mutual admiration society, desire to say that if we have, in anything that we have written, given offense to any, we humbly acknowledge the imperfections of our nature, and ask forgiveness from our inmost heart.

" We feel our health declining, and have scarce a hope to read the comments that will be bestowed on what we have written. We do hope, however, those comments will be dictated by a spirit of Masonic charity, and that each in his censure will reflect that he who knows the cause can best appreciate the pain. Farewell."

R. E. Sir Enoch T. Carson, of Cincinnati, was elected Grand Commander ;
E. Sir James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 26 Subordinates ; 1,924 members ; 227 created.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Nineteenth Annual Conclave was held at Reading, June 11th, and 13th, 1872. R. E. Sir Charles M. Howell, Grand Commander. Thirteen Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is principally devoted to local matters. Five dispensations for new Commanderies issued.

E. Sir Grant Weidman presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-two Grand Commanderies. If any one doubts the value of the report is good, let him read the following introduction :

"It is with considerable diffidence that we have undertaken to perform the duty, assigned to us by the Chairman of the Committee, of preparing the report of the Committee on Correspondence, especially in view of the excellent reports which he has for so many years furnished for your edification and instruction. We shrink still more from the sharp criticisms of the experienced orators and dictations, who are known to themselves as 'The Mutual Admiration Society' to outsiders as 'The Mutuels.' However, we have, in the path of duty, plunged boldly into the stream, and proceed at once to gather the floating gems which have come down to us in the Proceedings of those Grand Commanderies whose reports we have been furnished."

Illinois for 1871 makes one of the number reviewed. Sir Knight Weidman says in conclusion :

"We have thus reviewed, in a more hasty manner than should have been done, the Proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies. This duty was respectfully confided to the writer, in consequence of the manifold duties and unanticipated engagements of our able and experienced Chairman of the Committee. We are aware that the imperfections of our report are manifestly numerous, which may perhaps be in some measure ascribed to our lack of experience in the business of reporting, and to our 'modesty,' which, being a new man, just entered upon the rolls of the corps, we feel confident we *still* possess, and which our report will doubtless make manifest. A new hand at the 'business' we did not feel justified in 'blowing' very much. We are free to confess, however, that when we entered upon the work we regarded it as tedious, laborious, and as having nothing attractive to recommend it. The contrary has been our experience, our interest having increased in the work as it progressed, until when we were becoming enthusiastic we finished the report of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of the 'Old Dominion,' and reached the end of our pleasant duty.

"We cannot close without congratulating the Order upon the prosperity which it enjoys, and the peace and harmony that prevail throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

An excellent oration was delivered by the E. and Rev. Robert H. Pa

Grand Prelate, preceding the installation of the Grand Officers, from which we make some extracts :

"Who are these Knights Templar? What are their principles? Why are they here? These are questions that have been asked again and again during the last few days by the goodly citizens of this beautiful city.

"It is an Order of Christian Knighthood established long years ago, for the defense of the innocent, the protection of the oppressed, and the maintenance of truth. It is an institution that has been tried by *prosperity* and *adversity*; that has passed through the furnace heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be, and planted its banners, amid rejoicings, upon the mountains of righteousness, without even the smell of fire upon them. It is an institution that has survived the abuse, the malignity, the insults and degradations of ages, and stands before you to-day in its wisdom, strength and beauty. It is an institution that opens Asylums in every land, where the way-worn and weary pilgrim may rest, where the hungry may be fed, the naked clothed, and the afflicted comforted and cheered.

"The men that have been marching through the streets of this city during the last three days, with banners and music, are the successors of good men and true, who have been associated with our Order during the past seven centuries.

"It is an institution founded upon the Christian religion; we do not substitute it for religion, but it is *founded* upon it—a religion which dates its origin back to Bethlehem's manger, when the heavenly chant, 'Glory to God and peace to man,' first burst upon the ear of mortals—a religion that claims the thorn-crowned Jesus as the Captain of its hosts; and founded also upon the practice of the Christian virtues. With such foundations it has stood secure amid the storms and tempests of the past, and was never more securely imbedded in the hearts of the good and true than it is this day."

And in conclusion:

"We are pilgrim warriors; the weapons of our warfare, what are they? The *sword of the spirit*, the *shield of faith*, the *girdle of truth*, the *breastplate of righteousness*, the *sandals of preparedness*, the *helmet of salvation*: weapons that are ours from the forge of the Almighty Jehovah; prepared to our hands in the great workshop of the Eternal. It is ours to seize them and to use them with the force of true manliness, strengthened by the consciousness that our cause is just. With these, battle against error; break down and sweep away all the barriers of truth; with these, triumph, and the triumph will be beautiful; coming up as pilgrim warriors from the battle-fields of our sin-cursed world, to be crowned with glory and immortality. Thou believest, sir, in the mortality of the body, and in the immortality of the soul.

"Be strong, quit you like men; 'show thyself a man;' ever and always ready to stand for the defense of the cross.

"Sirs, *rivet* your armor about you; *nail* your banner to the standard; *draw* your sword for the right, and throw away the scabbard, and go forth to certain victory. The *cross* will take the world. Let me entreat you to live beneath its influences; walk in its light; rest in its shadows; and when life's work is done,

its last battle having been fought and won, lay you down at the foot of the cross and die ; and He whose right it is will present you to His Father, to be crowned with glory and immortality."

R. E. Sir Geter C. Shidle, of Pittsburgh, was elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 46 Subordinates ; 4,555 members ; 776 created.

TENNESSEE.

The Tenth Annual Conclave was held at Lebanon, May 14th, 1872. R. E. Sir George S. Blackie, Grand Commander. Ten Subordinates represented.

Before the opening of the Grand Body the tactics and drill was exemplified before the Grand Commandery, Sir Knights and citizens in the public square.

The address of the Grand Commander is a lengthy and very interesting document. He thus speaks in his opening :

"Five days ago, we Knights of the Temple, in common with a large proportion of the Christians of the world, had the privilege of celebrating the anniversary of the Ascension into Heaven of our Blessed Lord and Saviour. I trust that we did not then, amid the excitement of the hour, forget why we celebrated that day, but that we thought on the greatness of the close of that Divine Drama, as GOD-LIKE as it was tender, the 'farewell gleam of the Sun of Righteousness, tearfully smiling as he plunged into the dark thunder clouds waiting to receive Him.' As these clouds closed on the form of our loved Lord, did we think that the bright lining which they displayed was caused by the gleaming of those great lights which illumine the mansions which He has gone to prepare in His Father's house for those who love Him? Our great concern should be, are we on the way to those mansions? Are we GOD's children? Have we that love for Him that where He is it would be our wish and joy to be? Would a perfectly holy place please us? Do we love the holy house below? Do we love truly those meek and lowly ones with whom GOD's mansion is alone filled? Are we on the way to Christ? Or are we merely playing Templars, playing at Christian soldiery, and all the while puffed up with a sense of our own importance, our own ranks and titles, our decorations and drills, and neglecting the better part which can not be taken from us? Ah! beloved Fratres, all our Knighthood, all our ceremonies, all our teachings, are but vanity, if we do not bear in mind the great aim of our Order. In the earlier degrees of Masonry we are taught morality and personal responsibility, we are convinced that we have immortal souls, and we are led to worship a great and protecting Father. But all beyond is dark and the way is difficult, until by the light of the Cross we are shown the darkness rent in twain, and the bright rewards of faith, obtained, not through our own merits, but by the sacred blood shed for us on the hill of Calvary. In preceding degrees we are like to the emigrant, who, after a long voyage and a troubled sea, sees a speck of dimness, a wedge of vapor, rising from the deep, and in the cold evening scarcely cares to be told that is the land he is nearing—chilly, and weary, and sleepy, there is no comfort to him in that distant haze. But the Templar is like

the same emigrant, who, after a night of refreshing sleep, has eagerly sprung to the deck, and sees, in the brilliant light of the morning, the misty cloud-land changed with a mystic change, the green and glittering shores growing warm with the balmy kisses of the summer sun, the harbor crowded with gay and busy vessels, hears the roar of the cities and the hum of their people, and inhales the sweet perfumes of the flowers wafted from that land on which all his hopes are centered. Many a poor heathen even has far-off and misty perceptions of a better land, 'blindly groping in the darkness,' he has 'touched God's right hand in that darkness, and is lifted up and strengthened;' but it is not until touched by the light of the New Testament that the dim speck projects into an open shore, bright with golden life, and fragrant with the frankincense and myrrh of celestial truth. If we do not realize this truth, then are all our ceremonies a solemn mockery, and the sensible course for us, as men with brains, is to abandon them.

"But I trust that we do know that as Templars we are called with a 'high and holy calling.' Each has a mission to fulfill—that of practical obedience to the law of love. By every obligation we are bound to obey our Master, Christ, and if we love Him we will keep His commandments. And this is His commandment, that 'we love one another.' If we habitually loved as we ought we should be far happier and more useful than we are. He who is most attentive to the calls of present duty is least exposed to morbid anticipations of the uncertain future, and will be found at last better prepared to surrender his spirit to Him who gave it."

The Grand Commander notices the death of several distinguished Knights of the Order—in his own jurisdiction, R. E. Sir John J. Worsham, Past Grand Commander. Of the state of the Order, he says:

"From all quarters I have heard the most encouraging tidings, and have felt truly proud to be the leader of a body of men who have so consistently exhibited their devotion to the tenets of their profession."

A charter issued for a Commandery at Jackson.

The expenses of the Grand Commandery having exceeded its income, the following resolutions were presented and adopted:

"That there shall be charged for each Order of the Red Cross conferred, the sum of five dollars.

"For each Order of the Temple conferred, the sum of six dollars.

"That the rule making a per diem allowance to the members of the Grand Commandery be abrogated."

E. Sir George S. Blackie presents an interesting report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-four Grand Commanderies, together with those of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Canada. Illinois for 1870 receives courteous notice.

R. E. Sir Joseph B. Palmer, of Murfreesboro, was elected Grand Commander. E. Sir John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 12 Subordinates; 782 members; 64 created.

TEXAS.

The Annual Conclave was held at Houston, June 10th, 1872. R. E. Sir A. S. Richardson, Grand Commander. Seven Subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, which is short, having but few official acts to bring to the notice of the Grand Commandery, says :

"The year has been comparatively uneventful in our jurisdiction, and the oneness of purpose in the interest of the Orders, which has uniformly characterized our membership, has comparatively lightened the burden, and rendered the work of supervision pre-eminently a labor of love."

Here is flattery and reproof in the same short sentence :

"A few days prior to my installation, it had been my pleasant fortune to visit Apollo Commandery, Chicago, Illinois, where I was the recipient of much Knightly courtesy, and where, by all the Sir Knights present, was manifested the most cordial fraternal feeling, not only to myself personally, but to this Grand Commandery, which I was recognized as officially representing ; my entire reception being in marked contrast to the discourtesy which I received a short time previously from the officers and Sir Knights of a Commandery in New York, where I had visited in my then official capacity of Deputy Grand Commander of Texas, for the purpose of joining in some public demonstration, in which all visiting Sir Knights were invited to participate, and where I was not even recognized."

Sir J. B. Likens submits the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of thirteen Grand Commanderies — the Proceedings of eleven others were placed in his hands too late for review — of which he says :

"From all the above we derive the gratifying information that Templar Masonry is in a most prosperous condition, and gives abundant promise of becoming all that its most ardent devotees and hopeful Sir Knights claim for that branch of our honored brotherhood."

R. E. Sir A. S. Richardson, of Houston, was elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Robert Brewster, of Houston, Grand Recorder.

Statistics : 8 Subordinates ; 274 members ; 48 created.

VERMONT.

The Annual Conclave was held at Burlington, June 11th, 1872. R. E. Sir Russell S. Taft, Grand Commander. Seven Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is principally devoted to local matters. One dispensation for a new Commandery. The name of the Grand Commander having been selected, he says : "I was so overcome that I had not brass enough in my countenance to refuse their request."

Of the condition of the Order, he says :

"My first actual knowledge of Christian Knighthood was in the spring of 1864, when I was made a Knight Templar in the Asylum of Burlington Com-

mandery. If we take a glance at its condition then, and compare it with its prosperity at present, we certainly have cause for great rejoicing. We then had four Subordinates, with 193 members; now we have (with one under dispensation) eight, with 463 members. Then we had not a costume in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Encampment; now nearly all of our Subordinates can make a creditable appearance, '*clothed and equipped as Knights Templar*,' according to law. Then the initiations for the year were 21; now, for the past year, they have been 43. Then for the year there had been a decrease of 1 in the number of Knights in the State; now the statistics show an increase of 38.

"Only one of the Grand Officers, our valiant Sir Knight Samuel S. Brown, Grand Treasurer, has remained in office since that time, and the changes in our membership as well as officers serve to sadly remind us that our aged and esteemed Templars and staunch defenders of the faith are rapidly passing away."

The decease of several distinguished Knights are appropriately noticed.

No report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Joseph L. Perkins, of St. Johnsbury, was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, Grand Recorder.

Statistics: 8 Subordinates; 463 members; 43 created.

VIRGINIA.

A Special Conclave (or Grand Assembly, as they call it,) was held at Montgomery White Sulphur Springs, September 18th, 1872. R. E. John R. McDaniel, Grand Commander. At which time the Grand Commandery was drilled, inspected and encamped in solemn form.

One dispensation, for a new Commandery at Alexandria, issued, and the death of the Grand Warder announced.

A Committee appointed to prepare a testimonial for E. Sir John Dove, for forty years Grand Recorder. A Committee was also appointed to design and procure a medal to be presented to the best drilled Commandery at the next session.

R. E. William B. Isaacs was elected Grand Commander, and E. John Dove, Grand Recorder, both of Richmond.

The Annual Assembly was held at Richmond, December 12th, 1872. R. E. William B. Isaacs, Grand Commander. Nine Subordinates represented.

The Special Conclave of September 18th having been held at a time not warranted by the Constitution of the Grand Commandery, it became necessary to legalize the business transacted.

The application of the three Commanderies in West Virginia to withdraw and form a State Grand Commandery, was referred to a Committee, who reported that permission be granted, which was adopted.

E. Sir James A. Scott presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of eighteen Grand Commanderies. Illinois for 1871 receives courteous attention.

For the delay in the preparation of his report, Sir Scott offers the following excuse, in which we can all agree:

"While the preparation of a report like the one upon which we are now engaged is a 'labor of love,' yet we venture the assertion, that the summer through which we have just passed was ardent enough to satisfy the most burning passion, and however strong our affection for Knighthood and the proceedings of Knights might be, yet the burning days of the past season were an insuperable objection to exertion of any kind, and to us, especially, the exertion of writing; so we concluded to abide our time and wait for the weather, even at the risk of disappointing this Grand Body, and the rest of Templarism."

Statistics: 13 Subordinates; 742 members; 51 created.

WISCONSIN.

The Thirteenth Annual Conclave was held at Milwaukee, January 17th, 1872. R. E. Sir A. V. H. Carpenter, Grand Commander. Ten Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is a lengthy and interesting document, principally devoted to matters in his own jurisdiction. He does up the Convention of Reporters, which preceded the meeting of the Grand Encampment, as follows:

"Another memorable event of that eventful occasion, was the Convention of Masonic Reviewers, a gathering of the Chairmen of Committees of Foreign Correspondence of all the Masonic grades. Though not a member of the *craft*, I felt an interest in listening to their proceedings, so with characteristic Western assurance, I marched into their midst, and found myself *vis-a-vis* with the wielders of those shining pens which have diffused such lustre upon the pages of Masonic literature. I will not repeat names—the giants were there in force. I felt a manly respect for the grand characters which adorned this galaxy of talent and worth—although I did not imitate '*Moses*' on a certain memorable occasion and put off my shoes, I took off my hat, and would have given it to the meanest man in the assembly—had he been hatless.

"I don't render this tribute to the distinguished brethren because I think it will strengthen their reputation abroad, or enhance *their own* estimation of their importance; I should say, judging from the tenor of what I heard, that they were all perfectly self-conscious in this latter respect; therein their 'heads are level,' for if any one does not entertain a tolerably respectable opinion of himself, no one will do so for him. As a general rule none but tax assessors value our possessions above our own estimate."

The Grand Commander visited the several Subordinates during the year, rendering an account of their condition at the time of his official visit.

With regard to Order No. 3, he says:

"Since writing the foregoing, I have received Order No. 3, current series, from the office of the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, containing a

proclamation which concerns every Knight in the land, and I trust will be heeded. There is no doubt of the power of the Grand Master to enforce this order. That it is one imperatively necessary, every Knight Templar who has brains enough to know the proper use of money, to say nothing of understanding the impropriety of a body of Christian gentlemen vying with Turks in respect of the gewgaws with which they bedeck themselves, ought to be glad that we have a Grand Master who is disposed to maintain a decent respect for the proprieties of an institution 'founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues.'

Sir John Turner submits an excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Commanderies, including Illinois for 1870. He says:

"It is nearly thirty years since the Grand Lodge of the State of New York appointed a committee to review the proceedings of the other Grand Lodges. From this beginning the system extended to nearly all the other States and has been adopted by all the Masonic Grand Bodies. The object was to learn and have reported what legislation had been had in and what rules had been adopted by the several jurisdictions. The result has been productive of much good, for, often, the criticism of others has led to repeal of enactments hastily adopted and clearly in violation of fundamental laws.

"We understand our duty to be to present to this Grand Commandery a synopsis of the action had in the several Grand Commanderies in correspondence with us, to fairly, courteously and justly criticise their acts, that this Grand Commandery may imitate that that is right and avoid all that is wrong, if anything, in the other jurisdictions."

And in conclusion:

"Now our task is done. We ask the Grand Commandery what are its lessons? Do these reports show that the Knights Templar of the United States are engaged in acts of pure beneficence, or do they show that we have spent our time and money in vain display, forgetting our duty to the helpless widow, the innocent maiden, the orphans and the Christian religion? Let the conscience of each Knight make answer. If we have, either as individuals or Commanderies, neglected work that might have been done, now, with the new year, let us resolve that hereafter our high duty shall be faithfully performed."

R. E. Sir A. V. H. Carpenter was elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. T. Palmer Grand Recorder; both of Milwaukee.

Statistics: 20 Subordinates; 698 members.

CONCLUSION.

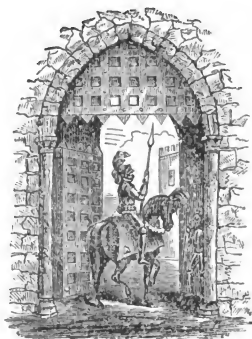
And now, Sir Knights, the labor of another year, as your reporter, is ended. Imperfect as our report is, yet as it is, we give it to you, hoping that you may be able to gain some little instruction from its perusal. In the examination of the

several Proceedings before us we find much to encourage us, and to urge us on to more exalted deeds of usefulness. Our ranks are filling up with new recruits, and new grand bodies are being added to the Grand Head. No cause of dissension seems to pervade in all our broad land: there are some little differences of opinion upon several questions, but upon the whole, a more general harmony seems to pervade every division of our Order throughout the land.

To the corps reportorial, the perusal of whose reports has been so pleasant and profitable to us, we present this, probably our last, effort, in hopes that they will extend to us the same leniency as heretofore. We present herewith our usual table of statistics compiled from the various reports, from which it will be seen that our Order is steadily advancing, numbering, as we find, 29 Grand Com-manderies, with 458 Subordinates, with a membership of 34,448, of whom 4,917 have been Knighted during the past year.

All of which is courteously submitted.

JAMES H. MILES,
For the Committee.



1871. 1872.
TABULAR STATEMENT OF GRAND COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

STATES.	Time and Place of last Conclave.	Time and Place of next Conclave.	Gr. Commander.	Residence.	Grand Recorder	Residence.	Subordinates.	Knights Created.	Members.
1 Alabama.....	Marion, Feb. 5, 1872.....	Huntsville, May 7, 1873.....	Jos. H. Johnson.....	Talladega.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.....	9	29	283
2 Arkansas.....	Fort Smith, March 25, 1872.....	1873.....	Julie E. Barber.....	Little Rock.....	John W. Rison.....	Little Rock.....	9	29	283
3 California.....	S. Francisco, April 12, 1872.....	1873.....	Fredrick F. Bares.....	Placeville.....	Charles L. Wiggin.....	San Francisco.....	10	47	400
4 Connecticut.....	Hartford, March 19, 1872.....	Danbury, March 18, 1873.....	Sereno S. Thomas.....	New Haven.....	John W. Stedman.....	Norwich.....	10	107	1,262
5 Georgia.....	Americus, May 22, 1872.....	Forsyth, May 21, 1873.....	Allen S. Cuts.....	Americus.....	C. R. Armstrong.....	Macon.....	8	33	369
6 Illinois.....	Chicago, Oct. 22, 1872.....	Chicago, Oct. 28, 1873.....	Daniel Dustin.....	Terre Haute.....	James H. Miles.....	Chicago.....	42	243	2,726
7 Indiana.....	Indianapolis, April 4, 1872.....	Indianapolis, April 1, 1873.....	Charles Crut.....	DeWitt.....	Wm. B. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.....	22	265	1,268
8 Iowa.....	Council Bluffs, Oct. 14, 1871.....	Oskaloosa, Oct. 11, 1872.....	Pitch C. Wright.....	Leavenworth.....	Wm. C. Munger.....	Leavenworth.....	21	145	842
9 Kansas.....	Topeka, Oct. 16, 1871.....	Leavenworth, 1873.....	John H. Brown.....	Lexington.....	Wm. C. Munger.....	Franklin.....	5	175	175
10 Kentucky.....	Frankfort, July 10, 1872.....	Newport, 1873.....	W. H. Warren.....	New Orleans.....	Gustavus Sonntag.....	New Orleans.....	14	132	753
11 Louisiana.....	New Orleans, Feb. 16, 1872.....	New Orleans, Feb. 14, 1873.....	Richard Lambert.....	Lewiston.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.....	11	30	228
12 Maine.....	Portland, May 8, 1872.....	Portland, May 7, 1873.....	Henry H. Dickey.....	Townsend.....	Frank J. Kuefer.....	Baltimore.....	5	175	1,224
13 Maryland.....	Baltimore, May 8, 1872.....	Baltimore, May 14, 1873.....	Charles H. Mann.....	Providence.....	A. F. Chapman.....	Boston, Mass.....	31	572	4,266
14 Mass. and R. I.....	Boston, Oct. 27, 1871.....	October —, 1872.....	Nich. Van Slyck.....	East Saginaw.....	Wm. P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.....	26	397	1,694
15 Michigan.....	Detroit, June 4, 1871.....	St. Paul, June 24, 1873.....	Moses W. Getchell.....	Minneapolis.....	E. D. B. Porter.....	St. Paul.....	7	397	1,694
16 Minnesota.....	St. Paul, June 24, 1872.....	St. Paul, June 24, 1873.....	E. George Deljan.....	Nacher.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.....	0	262	438
17 Mississippi.....	Holly Springs, Jan. 29, 1872.....	St. Louis, Nov. 12, 1873.....	Francis M. Telfs.....	Platte City.....	Geo. F. Gouley.....	St. Louis.....	19	145	771
18 Missouri.....	St. Louis, Oct. 3, 1872.....	Omana, Nov. 12, 1873.....	Robert W. Furnas.....	Brownville.....	Thos. A. Greig.....	Brownville.....	4	80	832
19 Nebraska.....	Lincoln, June 19, 1872.....	Concord, Sept. —, 1873.....	John D. Patterson.....	Manchester.....	John A. Harris.....	Concord.....	13	139	857
20 N. Hampshire.....	Concord, Sept. 26, 1871.....	Trenton, Sept. 9, 1872.....	George B. Borden.....	Brunswick.....	Thomas J. Conson.....	New York.....	47	761	5,626
21 New Jersey.....	Trenton, Sept. 11, 1872.....	Norwich, Oct. 8, 1872.....	Robert N. Brown.....	Buffalo.....	Robert Macoy.....	Troy.....	13	227	1,924
22 New York.....	Albany, Oct. 10, 1871.....	Columbus, Sept. 9, 1872.....	Enoch T. Carson.....	Cincinnati.....	James Nesby.....	Philadelphia.....	46	776	4,555
23 Ohio.....	Sandusky, Sept. 26, 1871.....	Meadville, May 13, 1873.....	Geor. C. Shidle.....	Plattsburgh.....	Charles E. Meyer.....	Nashville.....	12	64	478
24 Pennsylvania.....	Reading, June 11, 1872.....	Houston, June 4, 1873.....	Joseph B. Palmer.....	Murfreesboro.....	John Frizzell.....	Houston.....	4	48	782
25 Tennessee.....	Lebanon, June 11, 1872.....	Houston, June 4, 1873.....	Joseph B. Perkins.....	Houston.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.....	8	43	763
26 Texas.....	Houston, June 10, 1872.....	Houston, June 4, 1873.....	Joseph B. Perkins.....	Houston.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.....	10	52	696
27 Vermont.....	Burlington, June 11, 1872.....	Richmond, —, 1873.....	William B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.....	John Doye.....	Richmond.....	13	32	696
28 Virginia.....	Richmond, Dec. 12, 1872.....	Richmond, —, 1873.....	A. V. H. Carpenter.....	Milwaukee.....	W. T. Palmer.....	Milwaukee.....	10	32	696
29 Wisconsin.....	Milwaukee, Jan. 18, 1872.....	Milwaukee, Jan. 15, 1873.....	A. V. H. Carpenter.....	Milwaukee.....	W. T. Palmer.....	Milwaukee.....	10	32	696
							458	4,917	34,448

The E. Grand Recorder recommended that the reprint of the Proceedings from 1861 to 1869, inclusive, be referred to a Special Committee, to report at this session.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as that Committee, E. Sirs R. L. McGuire, John F. Nash, and V. E. Sir Daniel Dustin, who subsequently reported that the Grand Recorder be authorized to republish said Proceedings, if by subscription or otherwise he was guaranteed the expense thereof.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of R. E. Grand Commander W. M. Egan, reported that in their opinion both of said decisions were in accordance with Templar law.

The Grand Commandery then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers Elect for the ensuing year.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed R. E. Sir John M. Pearson as Grand Marshal, and Rev. and E. Sir Wm. H. Scott, Grand Prelate; and the Grand Officers were then installed in ample form by R. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan, and were so proclaimed, with the exception of E. Grand Prelate, Grand Captain General, and Grand Treasurer, who were necessarily absent.

R. E. Sir Daniel Dustin, of Sycamore.....Grand Commander.
 V. E. Sir James Andrew Hawley, of Dixon.....Deputy Grand Commander.
 E. Sir Hiram Warner Hubbard, of Centralia....Grand Generalissimo.
 E. Sir Louis Henry Jorgensen, of CairoGrand Senior Warden.
 E. Sir Asa Wellington Blakesley, of Quincy.....Grand Junior Warden.
 E. Sir James Hoge Miles, of Chicago.....Grand Recorder.
 E. Sir John Fisk Nash, of OttawaGrand Standard Bearer.
 E. Sir Charles Homan Brower, of Chicago.....Grand Sword Bearer.
 E. Sir Robert Lang McKinlay, of Paris.....Grand Warden.
 E. Sir Lockwood Keeler Osborn, of MorrisGrand Captain of the Guards.

R. E. Sir Daniel Dustin, Grand Commander, presiding.

R. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan was instructed by the Grand Commander to install into office the E. Grand Captain General and the E. Grand Treasurer; and R. E. Sir Charles E. Munger was instructed to install into office the E. Grand Prelate.

E. Sir Loyal L. Munn offered the following resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be and are hereby rendered to R. E. Sir Wiley M. Egan, for the able and efficient manner in which

he has discharged the duties of his office during the past Templar year; and that he bears with him into his retirement from office the well wishes, for his future prosperity and happiness, of his Companions in Arms.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. M., for the use of their apartments for this session of this Grand Conclave.

On motion of E. Sir Charles H. Brower, it was

Voted, That the Grand Recorder procure a Standard for the use of this Grand Commandery.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointment of the following Committees :

COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE.

R. E. Sirs Wiley M. Egan, John M. Pearson and Charles E. Munger.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

E. Sirs James H. Miles, W. S. Pease and Wm. A. Levanway.



There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Illinois was Closed in Solemn and Knightly Form, to meet in the City of Chicago on Tuesday, the 28th day of October, A. D. 1873, A. O. 755, at 10 o'clock A. M.



Daniel Dustin

Grand Commander.

ATTEST:



James H. Miles

Grand Recorder.



SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.



APOLLO COMMANDERY, No. 1, CHICAGO.

Chartered Sept. 17, 1847.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir James Hoge Miles	Commander.
Sir George Redfield Chittenden.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Charles Homan Brower.....	Captain General.
Sir Theodore Tuthill Gurney	Prelate.
Sir Eugene Burritt Myers.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Henry Collins Ranney.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Henry Winants Bigelow.....	Treasurer.
Sir Benjamin Breckenridge Wisner Locke.....	Recorder.
Sir Joshua Leonard Marsh.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Jonathan Adams Allen.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Vincent Lombard Hurlbut.....	Warder.
Sir Edwin Griffiths.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Reuben Tayler,	E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut,
E. Sir John H. Bird,	E. Sir Benjamin F. Patrick,
E. Sir James V. Z. Blaney,	E. Sir Theodore T. Gurney,
E. Sir George W. Deering,	E. Sir Charles H. Brower,
E. Sir Henry C. Ranney,	E. Sir Eugene B. Myers.

CREATED.—George C. Ames, Ernest Blackmer, James P. Brewster, Jas. S. Case, DeWitt C. Cregier, Richard T. Green, Canute R. Matson, Newton J. Messenger, John O'Neill, Isaac Parker, Norman B. Ream, Frederick S. Shewell, Eli Smith, Henry S. Tiffany, Charles Van Campen.

ADMITTED.—George S. Redfield.

REINSTATED.—James E. Dalliba.

DEAD.—Lyman W. Rouse, David W. Lamberson.

DIMITTED.—Franklin P. Cram, James E. Dalliba, Augustus I. Lewis, Robert S. Martin, Benjamin F. Quimby.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	338
Created.....	15
Admitted.....	1
Reinstated.....	1
	— 355
Dead, and dimitted.....	7
	— 348
Members, 1872.....	

BELVIDERE COMMANDERY, No. 2, ALTON.

Chartered September 19, 1853.

Stated Conclaves the fourth Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir George Dwight Hayden.....	Commander.
Sir William Jarrett.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Isaac Edwards Hardy.....	Captain General.
Sir Michael Mitchel Dutro	Prelate.
Sir Gaius Paddock.....	Senior Warden.
Sir George Barry.....	Junior Warden.
Sir John Henry Koehne.....	Treasurer.
Sir Silas Francis Connor.....	Recorder.
Sir Henry W. Buckmaster.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Ulysses E. Fisher.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Henry Watson.....	Warder.
Sir Thomas H. Kingsley.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Michael M. Dutro,	E. Sir George Dwight Hayden,
E. Sir John M. Pearson,	E. Sir James Newman,
E. Sir Robert B. Smith.	

CREATED.—Corwin Broughton, Thomas C. Jennings.

DEAD.—William Jarrett.

DIMITTED.—Joel M. Goff.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	43
Created.....	2
	— 45
Dead, and dimitted.....	2
	—
Members, 1872.....	43

PEORIA COMMANDERY, No. 3, PEORIA.

Chartered September 15, 1856.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Rounseville.....	Commander.
Sir James D. Strickler.....	Generalissimo.
Sir John Dickinson.....	Captain General.
Sir Lewis Keyon.....	Prelate.
Sir Oliver D. Field.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Samuel Tart.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Michael E. Erler.....	Treasurer.
Sir Jas. E. Pillsbury.....	Recorder.
Sir John C. Roff.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Chas. F. Hitchcock.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Henry G. Belcke.....	Warder.
Sir Benjamin Bergguist.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Lewis Keyon,

E. Sir William Rounseville.

CREATED.—Jas. E. Pillsbury, Timothy E. Gapen, Ira J. Fuson, John W. Page, Adino Page.

ADMITTED.—Rev. W. W. Estabrook, Robt. S. Martin, Henry A. Fager.

SUSPENDED.—D. T. N. Sanderson, Wm. Heylman.

DIMITTED.—Jacob F. Copple, Chas. W. Emmett, Ira J. Fuson, Henry A. Fager, Oscar H. Harpham, Lambert M. Hillyer, Pollard S. Anno, Frederick Cleveland, J. Robert Manning, Rev. W. Estabrook.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	69
Created.....	5
Admitted	3
	— 77
Suspended, and dimitted.....	12
	—
Members, 1872	65

JOLIET COMMANDERY, No. 4, JOLIET.

Chartered October 26, 1858.

*Stated Conclaves the first and third Wednesdays of each month.***OFFICERS.**

E. Sir Richard Peter Denker.....	Commander.
Sir William A. Steel.....	Generalissimo.
Sir William Franklin Saylor.....	Captain General.
Sir William Wallace Stevens.....	Prelate.
Sir William Edward Spears.....	Senior Warden.
Sir John Kelley.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Edward Howard Akin.....	Treasurer.
Sir Andrew Joseph Robinson.....	Recorder.
Sir Lewis Ellsworth Ingalls.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir John Butler.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Ferdinand Byron Willetts.....	Warder.
Sir John Frederick Dorr.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir William S. Brooks,	E. Sir Edward Wilcox,
E. Sir Charles E. Munger, P. G. C.,	E. Sir Charles A. Gilbert,
E. Sir Samuel C. Stearns.	

CREATED.—Marshall Alexander, Christian W. Barnhart, William Dougall, Eastman B. Fisher, Egbert W. Felton, William F. Givler, Lewis E. Ingalls, Truman A. Mason, Ralph W. Marshall, Albert T. Randall, John Reinhart, Theodore R. Stearns, Erastus W. Willard.

ADMITTED.—Rev. Asher Moore.

DEAD.—Charles A. Austin, Oliver P. Phillips.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	112
Created.....	13
Admitted.....	1
	— 126
Dead.....	2
	—
Members, 1872.....	124

BLANEY COMMANDERY, No. 5, MORRIS.

Chartered October 26, 1858.

Stated Conclaves the last Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Charles Henry Goold.....	Commander.
Sir Edward Sanford	Generalissimo.
Sir Robert Byron Horrie.....	Captain General.
Sir Humphry Henry Clay Miller.....	Prelate.
Sir Robert Lafayette Tatham.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Lafayette Frank Beach.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Frederick Caspari.....	Treasurer.
Sir George Munn.....	Recorder.
Sir William Whitcomb Phillips.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Samuel Barber Thomas.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Lewis Porter Lott.....	Warder.
Sir Enoch Trask Hopkins.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Perry Austin Armstrong,

E. Sir Arnold M. Cleveland.

CREATED.—George R. Beach, John J. Gorich, Leandre Irons, John G. C. Woelfel.

ADMITTED.—Jno. P. M. Buller.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	26
Created.....	4
Admitted.....	1
Members, 1872.....	31

FREEPORT COMMANDERY, No. 7, FREEPORT.

Chartered October 26, 1859.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William J. McKim	Commander.
Sir George Thompson	Generalissimo.
Sir John R. Lemon	Captain General.
Sir James S. McCall	Prelate.
Sir Edwin C. Warner	Senior Warden.
Sir Leonard T. Lemon	Junior Warden.
Sir Robert Little	Treasurer.
Sir John W. Childs	Recorder.
Sir Seth C. Buckman	Standard Bearer.
Sir William S. Best	Sword Bearer.
Sir William D. Rowell	Warder.
Sir Levi Martin	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

R. E. Sir Nathan F. Prentice,	E. Sir Loyal L. Munn,
E. Sir Henry H. Taylor,	E. Sir Milo D. Chamberlain,
E. Sir Edward L. Cronkrite.	

CREATED.—Henry C. Hutchinson, Charles G. Sanborn, Wm. O. Wright,
Hamilton H. Bradie, Benjamin H. Bradshaw, Jay S. Gates.

DEAD.—Scott P. Frazier.

SUSPENDED.—G. G. Norton, John H. Schlott.

DIMITTED.—Wilson J. Hunter, John C. Smith, Simon K. Miner.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	78
Created	6
	— 84
Dead, suspended, and dimitted	6
	—
Members, 1872	78

GALESBURG COMMANDERY, No. 8, GALESBURG.

Chartered October 23, 1860.

Stated Conclaves the third Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William W. Patch.....	Commander.
Sir James McChesney Lee	Generalissimo.
Sir Risley C. Haines.....	Captain General.
Sir George Cromwell Lanphere.....	Prelate.
Sir Joseph Albert Gates.....	Senior Warden.
Sir John Adams Marshall.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Benjamin Franklin Arnold.....	Treasurer.
Sir John Temple	Recorder.
Sir Almond Smith Devendorf	Standard Bearer.
Sir Hollis Mason Hale	Sword Bearer.
Sir Benjamin Chambers Davis.....	Warder.
Sir Thomas Nairn McQueen.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir James A. Thompson,	E. Sir Augustus S. Converse,
E. Sir George C. Lanphere,	E. Sir Hollis M. Hale,
E. Sir John A. Marshall.	

CREATED. — Charles H. Gage.

ADMITTED. — Charles G. Atwood.

DIMITTED. — Charles H. Jackson, George W. Wood.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	49
Created.....	1
Admitted	1
	— 51
Dimitted	2
	—
Members, 1872.....	49

Chartered October 23, 1860.

Stated Conclaves the third Thursday of each month.

E. Sir Augustus Alonzo Murray	Commander.
Sir Robert Green	Generalissimo.
Sir John Quinlan	Captain General.
Sir George Wilber Bright	Prelate.
Sir John Hilbrand Babbitt	Senior Warden.
Sir Michael Young Givler	Junior Warden.
Sir Samuel Ford Greer	Treasurer.
Sir Nathan Lowell Krone	Recorder.
Sir Albert Emerson	Standard Bearer.
Sir Joseph Griffith Star	Sword Bearer.
Sir Cyrus Mark Imboden	Warder.
Sir Henry Hummell	Captain of the Guards.

E. Sir Jerome R. Gorin, E. Sir George W. Bright,
E. Sir Charles H. Fuller.

DEAD.—William Deweese.

DIMITTED.—Samuel L. Beidler, J. N. Ewing, A. L. Gideon, J. N. Pummelly, W. A. Schaffer, J. W. Toole.

Members, 1871.....	69	
Created.....	1	
	—	70
Dead, and dimitted		7
		—
Members, 1872.....	63	

OTTAWA COMMANDERY, No. 10, OTTAWA.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves the second Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Fisk Nash.....	Commander.
Sir David Walker.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Edward Henry Smith.....	Captain General.
Sir George John Burgess.....	Prelate.
Sir Robert McKim McArthur.....	Senior Warden.
Sir David Batcheller.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Henry Clay Nash.....	Treasurer.
Sir Edward Livingston Herrick.....	Recorder.
Sir Francis Lyman Fiske.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Hubert Anville McCaleb.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Leman Avannah Rising.....	Warder.
Sir Justus Harris.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir George J. Burgess,	E. Sir John B. Peckham,
E. Sir William L. Gibson,	E. Sir James Rhodes,
E. Sir Thomas J. Wade.	

CREATED.— William H. Moore, Henry J. Waite.

SUSPENDED.— Joseph Gowelolf.

DMITTED.— John F. Lamb, William W. Estabrook, Frank B. Chapman, Quincy D. Whitman.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	68
Created.....	2
	— 70
Suspended, and dimitted.....	5
	—
Members, 1872.....	65

BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY, No. 11, QUINCY.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Stated Conclaves the last Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Granville Moody Evatt	Commander.
Sir Albert Demaree	Generalissimo.
Sir Benjamin Fourman Hoar	Captain General.
Sir Walter Newton Colburn	Prelate.
Sir Robert E. Goodrich	Senior Warden.
Sir Evelyn Charles Selleck	Junior Warden.
Sir Samuel Eastman Seger	Treasurer.
Sir Edward Starr Mulliner	Recorder.
Sir Samuel Wood	Standard Bearer.
Sir Henry Etienne Nicholas Cottiers	Sword Bearer.
Sir John W. Banker	Warder.
Sir Asa Wellington Blakesley	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley.	E. Sir William E. Oven.
E. Sir Joseph Robbins.	

CREATED. — William Somerville, Christian A. Brink, Willis M. Baxter,
Thomas White, William Fletcher, John W. Heidemann, Truman L. Holmes.

ADMITTED. — John H. Thompson.

DEAD. — John Steinagle.

DIMITTED. — Charles G. Atwood, Daniel P. Harris.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	97
Created	6
Admitted	1
Dead, and dimitted	— 104
	3
Members, 1872	101

WAUKEGAN COMMANDERY, No. 12, WAUKEGAN.

Chartered October 23, 1861.

Started Conclaves the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Daniel Brewster	Commander.
Sir Hiram Clement Wheeler	Generalissimo.
Sir William Samuel Pearce	Captain General.
Sir William Calvin Tiffany	Prelate.
Sir Palmer Corwin Goble	Senior Warden.
Sir Edwin Williams Porter	Junior Warden.
Sir George Sullivan Wheeler	Treasurer.
Sir Azro David Hutchins	Recorder.
Sir Asiel Zebulon Blodgett	Standard Bearer.
Sir George Reed Lyon	Sword Bearer.
Sir Daniel Porter Millen	Warder.
Sir Dennis Marr	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir John C. Baker,	E. Sir William J. Lucas,
E. Sir William C. Tiffany,	E. Sir Azro D. Hutchins,
E. Sir Henry C. Hutchinson,	E. Sir William A. Johnson.

SUSPENDED. — James R. Mack.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	44
Suspended	1
Members, 1872	43

CAIRO COMMANDERY, No. 13, CAIRO.

Chartered October 25, 1864.

Stated Conclaves the first Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Philander Walker Barclay	Commander.
Sir Charles Winthrop Dunning	Generalissimo.
Sir Hiram Bixby	Captain General.
Sir Horace Wardner	Prelate.
Sir Algernon William O'Neal	Senior Warden.
Sir Byron Franklin Blake	Junior Warden.
Sir Claiborne Winston	Treasurer.
Sir James Siddall Rearden	Recorder.
Sir William Svader Lane	Standard Bearer.
Sir William Biddle Kerney	Sword Bearer.
Sir George Thomas Whitlock	Warder.
Sir John McEwen	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Louis H. Jorgensen.

E. Sir Charles H. Foote.

CREATED.—James A. Phillis.

ADMITTED.—John Antrim, E. S. Chester, David H. Morgan.

DIMITTED.—George W. R. Corlis, Noah M. Farren, Benjamin Howard,
 Thomas Moore, George F. Musgrove, Benjamin Rankin, William H. Scott,
 Jonathan C. Willis.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	40
Created	1
Admitted	3
	— 44
Dimitted	8
	—
Members, 1872	36

GORIN COMMANDERY, NO. 14, OLNEY.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir H orace Hayward	Commander.
Sir H enry Morris Eidson	Generalissimo.
Sir G ideon David Slancker	Captain General.
Sir J ohn Higgins Gunn	Prelate.
Sir J ohn Lake McCollough	Senior Warden.
Sir G ustave Tolle	Junior Warden.
Sir H enry Studer	Treasurer.
Sir J ohn Calvin Scott	Recorder.
Sir J oseph Morten Yocum	Standard Bearer.
Sir J ames Bird Westbrook	Sword Bearer.
Sir W illiam Hill Hill	Warder.
Sir J ohn Knight	Captain of the Guards.

CREATED.—James L. Waller, William H. Fleck, Thomas R. Hazzard, Daniel Gafner.

ADMITTED.—John M. Halley.

DEAD.—John K. Pierson (a dimitted member of this Commandery).

DIMITTED.—John M. Halley.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	50
Created	4
Admitted	1
	— 55
Dimitted	1
	—
Members, 1872	54

SYCAMORE COMMANDERY, No. 15, SYCAMORE.

Chartered October 24, 1865

Stated Conclaves the second Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Daniel Dustin.....	Commander.
Sir Charles E. Adams.....	Generalissimo.
Sir John Smith Harroun	Captain General.
Sir Albert Stevens Babcock	Prelate.
Sir Morris Holcomb.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Royal Daniel Branch	Junior Warden.
Sir Amory Watson Sawyer.....	Treasurer.
Sir David Depue Brown.....	Recorder.
Sir Alonzo Ellwood.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Horace Moore Stevens.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Horman Cleland Warren	Warder.
Sir Gaius Blowers Wiseman.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir John S. Harroun,	E. Sir Andrew J. Blanchard,
E. Sir Amory W. Sawyer,	E. Sir Daniel Dustin,
E. Sir Silas O. Vaughn.	

CREATED.— Charles W. Willie, Richard C. Craft, Charles Reed, Frank
 Scripser, Delos A. Baxter, Stephen D. Burt, John E. Atwood.

DIMITTED.— Charles Chovin.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	84
Created.....	7
	— 91
Dimited	1
	—
Members, 1872.....	90

URBANA COMMANDERY, NO. 16, URBANA.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves the third Saturday in January, March, May, July, September and November.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Francis Granger Jaques.....	Commander.
Sir Mahlon Lindley.....	Generalissimo.
Sir John Charles Black.....	Captain General.
Sir Amasa Ogden Clapp.....	Prelate.
Sir George Scroggs.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Edward Blackshaw.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Eli Halberstadt.....	Treasurer.
Sir George Washington Flynn.....	Recorder.
Sir Myron Stoddard Brown.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Edwin Thompson Whitcomb.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Bennett Franklin Michael.....	Warder.
Sir Eli Jonathan Heller.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Amasa O. Clapp.

CREATED.—Benjamin E. Coffeen.

DEAD.—Lyman C. Hurd, William Black.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	52
Created.....	1
	— 53
Dead.....	2
	—
Members, 1872.....	51

CRUSADER COMMANDERY, No. 17, ROCKFORD.

Chartered October 24, 1865.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Mondays of each month.

E. Sir John Rice Porter	Commander.
Sir Horace Chandler	Generalissimo.
Sir James Henry Manny	Captain General.
Sir Calvin Lewis Robinson	Prelate.
Sir John Dwight Hamilton	Senior Warden.
Sir Daniel Goodlander	Junior Warden.
Sir Henry William Price	Treasurer.
Sir Alphonzo Noble Nicholds	Recorder.
Sir Erastus Bell Perry	Standard Bearer.
Sir La Fayette McGowan	Sword Bearer.
Sir Alfred Booker Boughner	Warder.
Sir William Nichols	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir William D. E. Andrus.

CREATED. — James H. Manny, Henry W. Price, Peter Sames, Frank P. Bertrand, Phillip A. Marsh, Frank M. Gault, David Keyt, Alexander J. Hill, Eliphaz Smith, John W. Bingham, William P. Hill, David Dawson, Joseph Burns, Clarence A. Sanborn, Seely Perry, John Lake, Nelson E. Benoit, Thomas Kerr.

ADMITTED. — Charles W. Farrington, Edward B. Seers.

DIMITTED. — Henry H. Dean, Edwin J. Haskell.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	66
Created	18
Admitted	2
	— 86
Dimitted	2
	—
Members, 1872	84

EVERTS COMMANDERY, No. 18, ROCK ISLAND.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Henry Clay Cleveland	Commander.
Sir Edward Burrell, Jr.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Joseph Silas Leas.....	Captain General.
Sir E. E. Parmenter.....	Prelate.
Sir Milton Goodfellow Mills.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Samuel Crossley.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Lewis Kelsow	Treasurer.
Sir Alexander Steele.....	Recorder.
Sir Jesse Ross Mills.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Andrew John Swanson.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir George Patrick Frysinger.....	Warder.
Sir Thomas Thornton.....	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Virgil M. Blanding, E. Sir John L. Rumsey,
E. Sir Joseph S. Leas.

CREATED.—William G. Morris, John Sequist, John G. Salsbury, John B. Davidson, John W. Matthews, John E. Bready, Washington L. Sweeney, Joseph Gaskell.

EXPELLED.—Lorenzo D. White.

DIMITTED.—Flavius J. Underwood.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	36
Created.....	8
	— 44
Expelled, and dimitted	2
	—
Members, 1872.....	42

CHICAGO COMMANDERY, No. 19, CHICAGO.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Arthur Rollin Heber Atkins	Commander.
Sir William Henry Woodbury	Generalissimo.
Sir John Henry Witbeck	Captain General.
Sir Arnold Henry Van Zwoll	Prelate.
Sir James George Smeal	Senior Warden.
Sir John McLaren	Junior Warden.
Sir Jacob William Skinkle	Treasurer.
Sir John Whitley	Recorder.
Sir Truman Warren Steele	Standard Bearer.
Sir James Irons	Sword Bearer.
Sir Lewis Allen Hamblin	Warder.
Sir Silas Peabody Crumb	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Wiley M. Egan,	E. Sir Ammi M. Bennett,
E. Sir George Gardner,	E. Sir George H. Gibson,
E. Sir Charles McFarland.	

CREATED. — Charles F. Foerster, Edgar M. Bostwick, George H. Richey, William Law, Jr., Robert L. Hunt, James M. Leslie, James Wishart, George F. Sinclair, Joseph L. Pitts, Florison D. Pitts, James H. Anderson, Herbert Goodridge, Henry L. Gay, Robert Hamilton, Andrew J. Guilford, Nathaniel Cameron, John H. Sanborn, William Amerson, Christopher M. Cass.

ADMITTED. — Walter Todd, Henry Titus.

SUSPENDED. — Robert J. Smith.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	181
Created	19
Admitted	2
	— 202
Suspended, and dimitted	2
	—
Members, 1872	200

DIXON COMMANDERY, No. 21, DIXON.

Chartered October 23, 1866.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Tuesdays of each mo

OFFICERS.

E. Sir James Andrew Hawley	Commander.
Sir Samuel Ledman Myres	Generalissimo
Sir John Allen Ladd	Captain Gen
Sir George Hyde Sampson	Prelate.
Sir Jacob Minnock Patrick	Senior Ward
Sir Samuel Smith Dodge	Junior Ward
Sir James Bronson Pomeroy	Treasurer.
Sir Horace W. Beale	Recorder.
Sir Joseph William Latta	Standard Be
Sir William Culbertson Robinson	Sword Beare
Sir Orris Bissell Dodge	Warder.
Sir George Bunker Worth	Captain of th

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir William A. Levanway.

CREATED. — George W. Freeman, John D. Crabtree, Wm. M. I
Menno S. Bowman, Henry S. Strut, Oscar Hughes.

DIMITTED. — Albert S. Ferguson, James F. O. Smith.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	63
Created	6
Dimitted	—
Members, 1872	

AURORA COMMANDERY, No. 22, AURORA.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir A. R. Bartlett.....	Commander.
Sir W. H. Barrett	Generalissimo.
Sir J. B. Hall.....	Captain General.
Sir M. S. Barnes.....	Prelate.
Sir H. R. Torry.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Henry H. Miller.....	Junior Warden.
Sir John Jassoy	Treasurer.
Sir William J. Pollock.....	Recorder.
Sir John Farr	Standard Bearer.
Sir Curtis Osborn.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Joseph D. Calehan	Warder.
Sir Burr Winton	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir J. E. Forrester,

E. Sir James Walker.

CREATED.—Chris. Dirks, David Goudie, Wm. Parker, Hamilton Cherry, James Pearce, Stephen Mundy, H. D. Steadman, C. F. Jauriet, R. M. Cherry, C. H. Davis, James E. Kirkpatrick, F. J. Codington, Samuel Faxon, John McOmber, James P. Sherwin, Ogden W. Dean.

DEAD.—Albert M. Hobbs, Stephen Mundy.

DIMITTED.—W. B. Wilcox.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	100
Created.....	14
	— 114
Dead, and dimitted.....	3
	—
Members, 1872.....	111

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 23, CENTRAL

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves the second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Hiram Warner Hubbard	Commander.
Sir Henry Little Rhodes	Generalissimo.
Sir Charles Frederick Lape	Captain General.
Sir Rev. John Dew Gillham	Prelate.
Sir Abram Wimple Van Antwerp	Senior Warder.
Sir William Julius Augustus DeLancey	Junior Warder.
Sir Thomas Leander Parkinson	Treasurer.
Sir James Edwin Marshall	Recorder.
Sir James Van Loon Allen	Standard Bearer.
Sir Alfred Merrill Putnam	Sword Bearer.
Sir Hugh Theophilus Cunningham	Warder.
Sir Ole Torgerson	Captain of the Guard.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Hiram W. Hubbard, E. Sir William S. P.

CREATED.—Tilman Raser.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871

Created

Members, 1872

Chartered October 22, 1867.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Lane White	Commander.
Sir Josiah Drummond Harbert	Generalissimo.
Sir Jabez Brewster	Captain General.
Sir Benjamin Ruben Baughen	Prelate.
Sir George Augustus Tryner	Senior Warden.
Sir Aaron Augustus Ackerly	Junior Warden.
Sir John Emmons Eastman	Treasurer.
Sir John Draper Fowle	Recorder.
Sir Benjamin M. Watson	Standard Bearer.
Sir John G. Dodge	Sword Bearer.
Sir William Spurgen	Warder.
Sir Haso Parsons	Captain of the Guards.

E. Sir Goodman Perre, E. Sir Josiah D. Harbert.
E. Sir Samuel W. Waddle.

DIMITTED.—Robert H. Read, James P. Taylor, W. H. Harper, E. A. Harding.

Members, 1871.....	84
Dimitted	4
Members, 1872.....	80

CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 25, WOODSTOCK

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Edwin E. Thomas.....	Commander.
Sir George H. Stinson	Generalissimo.
Sir Alexander S. Stewart.....	Captain General.
Sir Richard K. Todd.....	Prelate.
Sir Austin Badger.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Mark Hathaway	Junior Warden.
Sir Adelbert S. Wright.....	Treasurer.
Sir Alexander L. Salisbury.....	Recorder.
Sir Thadeus B. Wakeman.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir John S. Medler.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Cyrus A. Fitch.....	Warder.
Sir Fred. Rennich.....	Captain of the Guard.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Enos W. Smith,	E. Sir James Northrup,
E. Sir John S. Wheat,	E. Sir Edwin E. Thomas.

CREATED.—Henry Eckert, Loren Woodard, Charles A. Given.

DEAD.—Herman N. Owen.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	60
Created	3
	— 63
Dead	1
	— 62
Members, 1872.....	62

ST. JOHN COMMANDERY, No. 26, PERU.

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Robert C. Hattenhauer	Commander.
Sir Peter Sonne	Generalissimo.
Sir Charles Bruner	Captain General.
Sir Peter Bowers	Prelate.
Sir Alfred Foot	Senior Warden.
Sir Charles W. Grassmock	Junior Warden.
Sir Peter Throne	Treasurer.
Sir Conrad A. T. E. Holmes	Recorder.
Sir John L. Clark	Standard Bearer.
Sir Horace Gaylord	Sword Bearer.
Sir Edwin Gaylord	Warder.
Sir Charles Leofler	Captain of the Guards.

CREATED.—John H. Slyder, Luther F. Slyder, John Snyder.

DEAD.—Charles Leofler.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	22
Created.....	3
	— 25
Dead	1
	—
Members, 1872.....	24
8	

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 27, PARIS

Chartered October 22, 1867.

Stated Conclaves the second Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Robert Lang McKinlay	Commander.
Sir William Henry Geohegan	Generalissimo.
Sir Joseph Wampler Vance	Captain General.
Sir David Martin Wieder	Prelate.
Sir Jacob Madison Bell	Senior Warden.
Sir Silas Wilson Calvin	Junior Warden.
Sir Andrew York Trogdon	Treasurer.
Sir Joseph Edward Dyas	Recorder.
Sir Levi Sisk	Standard Bearer.
Sir Joshua Owen Howe Batterton	Sword Bearer.
Sir Albert Bennett Austin	Warder.
Sir Joseph Beyls	Captain of the

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Jeremiah Curl.

CREATED.—John C. Palmer, Stanley M. Cash, Josiah Hurty,
Zink.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	4
Created	-
Members, 1872	4

BETHANY COMMANDERY, No. 28, MENDOTA.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

Stated Conclaves the first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Joseph William Edwards.....	Commander.
Sir Robert L. Gilmore	Generalissimo.
Sir David Alphus Cook	Captain General.
Sir William Truman	Prelate.
Sir Preston Irving Davis.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Thomas Fawcett Aaron Newport.....	Junior Warden.
Sir James Brown Dawson.....	Treasurer.
Sir Frederick Henry Haskell.....	Recorder.
Sir Daniel Meisenbach.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir James Lewis Taylor.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir James Iliff Metler.....	Warder.
Sir Jason Reed Liscom.....	Captain of the Guards

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Frank A. Hardin,

E. Sir George Emerson.

CREATED.— George R. Barse.

ADMITTED.— Henry H. Dean.

DIMITTED.— Wilbur F. Bromfield.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	30
Created.....	1
Admitted	1
	— 32
Dimited	1
	—
Members, 1872.....	31

HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, No. 29 CARROLLTON.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

Stated Conclaves the fourth Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Jerome Bonaparte Nulton	Commander.
Sir Henry Clay Withers	Generalissimo.
Sir Charles Wesley Keeley	Captain General.
Sir George Washington Davis	Prelate.
Sir James Porter Morrow	Senior Warden.
Sir Richard Gregory Robinson	Junior Warden.
Sir William Labin Greene	Treasurer.
Sir John Calvin Woolford	Recorder.
Sir James Oscar Pope	Standard Bearer.
Sir Henry Conrad Seiverling	Sword Bearer.
Sir John Hill	Warder.
Sir William Labin Greene	Captain of the

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir H. C. Withers,

E. Sir J. B. Nulton

CREATED. — James O. Pope, Henry C. Seiverling, John Nolan, John Davis, Henry Ober, Leander R. Lakin, Thomas G. Jeffries.

DEAD. — Andrew Jackson.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	38
Created	7
Dead	— 4
Members, 1872	4

SAINT OMER COMMANDERY, No. 30, LITCHFIELD.

Chartered October 27, 1868.

Stated Conclaves the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir George Mortimer Raymond	Commander.
Sir James Davie	Generalissimo.
Sir Alonzo Wheeler Cram	Captain General.
Sir John White Phillips	Prelate.
Sir George Aaron Vannevar	Senior Warden.
Sir George Washington Sparks	Junior Warden.
Sir Benjamin Cyrus Beardsley	Treasurer.
Sir James Rogers	Recorder.
Sir Francis Marion Miles	Standard Bearer.
Sir Ludwig Hoffman	Sword Bearer.
Sir Charles Bush	Warder.
Sir Chester W. Parish	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir George M. Raymond.

CREATED.— Ethan A. Hanna.

EXPELLED.— Peter C. Wood.

MITTED.— C. W. Phillips, J. T. Holden.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	37
Created.....	1
	— 38
Expelled, and dimitted.....	3
	—
Members, 1872.....	35

HOSPITALER COMMANDERY, No. 31, JACKSONVILLE

Chartered October 27, 1869.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Calvin Washington McLain.....	Commander.
Sir Leonard W. Chambers.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Charles H. Howard.....	Captain General.
Sir Samuel Murry Martin.....	Prelate.
Sir George W. Fanning.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Stephen Henry Thompson.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Charles E. Ross.....	Treasurer.
Sir Samuel Maxwell Allen.....	Recorder.
Sir Emerson Van Buren Rogers.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Charles Henry.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Henry Artemas Gilman.....	Warder.
Sir Elias Keemer.....	Captain of the Guard.

PAST COMMANDERS.

E. Sir Philip G. Gillett.

E. Sir Charles M. Morrell.

CREATED. — Francis P. Antle, Samuel A. Fairbanks, Jonathan Gilman, Harrison, Jr., Frederick Wilkinson.

DIMITTED. — Thomas Hines, Amariah A. Dewey, Smith M. Palmer.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	91
Created.....	5
Dimitted.....	— 96
Members, 1872.....	93

ALMONER COMMANDERY, No. 32, AUGUSTA.

Chartered October 27, 1869.

Stated Conclaves the third Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Henry Gerrish Dearborn	Commander.
Sir Randolph Coman Michaels	Generalissimo.
Sir Issachar Alonzo Jones	Captain General.
Sir Theodoric Fisher	Prelate.
Sir James Cooper Bertholt	Senior Warden.
Sir Orville Loraine Pitney	Junior Warden.
Sir Daniel Hamilton Smisegood	Treasurer.
Sir Joel Eugene Jones	Recorder.
Sir John Frederick Stienbarger	Standard Bearer.
Sir James Kinghorn	Sword Bearer.
Sir William George Leach	Warder.
Sir Proctor Peter Newcomb, Jr.	Captain of the Guards.

CREATED. — James Hagens, Jonathan Dearborn, Sr., James Kirkpatrick, Nixon Balfour, Albanus S. Powel, Benoni Mendenhall, Esta Bidwell, Wm. H. H. Rader, Jacob Klepper, Robert Grainger, Harvey S. Buck.

DEAD.— James McCoy.

DIMITTED. — James S. Carroll.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	64
Created	11
	— 75
Dead, and dimitted	2
	—
Members, 1872	73

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 33, KANKAKEE

Chartered October 27, 1869.

Stated Conclaves the third Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Haswell Cordis Clarke.....	Commander.
Sir Albert Dickerson.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Milton Delos Butts.....	Captain General
Sir James Hooke Magoffin	Prelate.
Sir John Frank Leonard	Senior Warden.
Sir Lewis George Reamer.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Alexander Burchim	Treasurer.
Sir Melville Finley Metz.....	Recorder.
Sir Ryland Dewitt Sherman.....	Standard Bearer
Sir Benjamin Watkins Rives	Sword Bearer.
Sir Lewis Frederick Lindsay	Warder.
Sir Alexander Burchim	Captain of the G

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Thomas P. Bonfield.

ADMITTED. — James H. Magoffin.

DIMITTED. — Melville F. Metz.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	35
Admitted	1
Dimitted	— 36
Members, 1872.....	1
	— 35

ST. PAUL COMMANDERY, No. 34, FAIRBURY.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

Stated Conclaves the third Monday of each month.

. OFFICERS.

E. Sir Nathaniel T. P. Robertson	Commander.
Sir Jairns T. Bullard	Generalissimo.
Sir Horace Mann Gillette	Captain General.
Sir Nathan E. Lyman	Prelate.
Sir John Zimmerman	Senior Warden.
Sir Thomas W. Duffy	Junior Warden.
Sir James King, Sr	Treasurer.
Sir Smith Olney	Recorder.
Sir James King, Jr.	Standard Bearer.
Sir James B. T. Mann	Sword Bearer.
Sir Henry Remington	Warder.
Sir James Harvey Enslow	Captain of the Guards.

PAST COMMANDER.

E. Sir Benjamin E. Robinson.

CREATED. — Nathan E. Lyman, Hiram J. Straight, James Parcels, Emery Gregg, Martin Stonehocker, Alfred Greenwood, Homer W. Weaver, Demas Elliott, Thomas Brownlee.

DIMITTED. — John J. Wright.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	24
Created	9
	— 33
Dimitted	1
	—
Members, 1872	32

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, No. 35, CHICAGO.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Edward Nelson Edwards.....	Commander.
Sir John Alexander Crawford.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Henry Turner	Captain General.
Sir Gilbert Wadsworth Barnard.....	Prelate.
Sir William Radcliffe Melville.....	Senior Warder.
Sir John Woodman.....	Junior Warder.
Sir Thomas Eaton Miller	Treasurer.
Sir John Oscar Dickerson.....	Recorder.
Sir Max Chiprowsky.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir John Sylvester White.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Stephen G. Pitkin.....	Warder.
Sir John Porter Ferns.....	Captain of the Guard.

CREATED.—William Coe, George W. Flavell, James Ives, William Kuth, William F. Lothian, Louis Lochbelher, Seven O. Olin, Stephen Pope, Benjamin P. Reynolds, William Rutherford, Whitman A. Daniel D. Schroeder.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	
Created	
Members, 1872.....	

BETHEL COM MANDERY, No. 36, ELGIN.

Chartered October 27, 1870.

Stated Conclaves the first Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Samuel Albert French	Commander.
Sir Thomas Henry Foster	Generalissimo.
Sir Thomas Edward Lawrence	Captain General.
Sir Alonzo Hamilton Barry	Prelate.
Sir George Washington Renwick	Senior Warden.
Sir Willson Jarvis Hunter	Junior Warden.
Sir Walter Lyman Pease	Treasurer.
Sir Salem Everett Weld	Recorder.
Sir Horace French	Standard Bearer.
Sir Jonathan Tefft	Sword Bearer.
Sir John McNiel	Warder.
Sir Charles O'Connell	Captain of the Guards.

CREATED. — James C. Brown, Leverett M. Kelly, Amos W. Wilbern.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	37
Created	3
Members, 1872	40

MELITA COMMANDERY, No. 37, TUSCOLA.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

Stated Conclaves the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Howell Lamb.....	Commander.
Sir John Irvin.....	Generalissimo.
Sir William Porteus Cannon.....	Captain General.
Sir Cornelius Bye.....	Prelate.
Sir Albertus Hawkins Elkin.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Patrick Cowan Sloan.....	Junior Warden.
Sir James Byron Hart.....	Treasurer.
Sir Walter Burnham Dryer.....	Recorder.
Sir Manasseh Moore Lawson.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Albert Henry Pike.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Eleazur Turner Barrett.....	Warder.
Sir Charles Franklin Lamb.....	Captain of the Guard.

CREATED.—Elijah McCarty, John J. Jones, Daniel W. Johnson, J. Dix, Henry C. Sluss.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	2
Created	—
Members, 1872.....	2

MT. OLIVET COMMANDERY, No. 38. PAXTON.

Chartered October 26, 1870.

stated Conclaves the first and third Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Solomon Jacob Toy	Commander.
Sir Joshua Eaton Davis	Generalissimo.
Sir Benjamin Franklin Mason	Captain General.
Sir Wilson Hoag	Prelate.
Sir Wilbur Conner Sawyer	Senior Warden.
Sir Jonathan Penn Middlecoff	Junior Warden.
Sir Ransom Reed Murdock	Treasurer.
Sir Norman Edmund Stevens	Recorder.
Sir Thomas Parker Dudley	Standard Bearer.
Sir Finley McClellan Hall	Sword Bearer.
Sir William Noel	Warder.
Sir Tufor S. Johnson	Captain of the Guards.

CREATED. — Thomas N. Bool, Alexander H. Hanley, Griffin T. Miller, Frederick T. Putt.

DEAD. — Finley M. Hall.

SUSPENDED. — George W. Emery.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	22
Created	4
	— 26
Dead, and suspended	2
	—
Members, 1872	24

MT. PULASKI COMMANDERY; No. 39, MT. PULASKI.

Chartered October 21, 1871.

Stated Conclaves the second Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Jonathan Nelson Pumpelly.....	Commander.
Sir John Harrison Toole.....	Generalissimo.
Sir ——— ———.....	Captain General.
Sir Edward Benjamin Weakley.....	Prelate.
Sir Alfred Lewis Gideon.....	Senior Warden.
Sir William Adam Schafer.....	Junior Warden.
Sir Isaac Tomlinson.....	Treasurer.
Sir Walter Putnam Sawyer.....	Recorder.
Sir Joseph Wesley Ewing.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir ——— ———.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Samuel Lindmuth Biedler.....	Warder.
Sir Gustav Adolph Weidenbacher.....	Captain of the Guard.

CREATED.—Lewis B. Davis, Theodore F. Ladwe, Edward W. Wilson, Albert C. Wilson.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	
Created.....	
Admitted by Charter.....	
Members, 1872.....	

G ALENA COMMANDERY, No. 40, GALENA.

Chartered October 24, 1871.

Stated Conclaves the first Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Corson Smith	Commander.
Sir William Reuben Rowley	Generalissimo.
Sir Simeon Kingsley Miner	Captain General.
Sir Daniel LeBetter	Prelate.
Sir Mahlon Coleman	Senior Warden.
Sir Mortimer Marcus Wheeler	Junior Warden.
Sir Richard Henry Fiddick	Treasurer.
Sir Daniel LeBetter	Recorder.
Sir William Rudolph Burkhard	Standard Bearer.
Sir Edward James	Sword Bearer.
Sir John Carter Calderwood	Warder.
Sir Daniel Stewart	Captain of the Guards.

CREATED.—Edward James, Richard H. Fiddick, Charles S. Bentley, Nelson M. Bratt, Amasa H. Moody, Hezekiah H. Gear, William R. Holder, Daniel Wann, Jacob Wernli, Sidney Hunkins, Henry H. Oldenhage, Wm. H. Martin, Wilber F. Crummer, Louis A. Rowley, Thomas E. Armitstead, William Cary.

DIMITTED.—Samuel Cook, J. M. Daggett, John Olinger, Charles S. Burns, Robert Little, S. D. Atkins.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871	15
Created	16
	— 31
Dimitted	6
	—
Members, 1872	25

GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY, No. 41, METRO

Chartered October 22, 1872.

Stated Conclaves the second Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Thomas Moore.....	Commander.
Sir Jonathan Clay Willis.....	Generalissimo.
Sir George William Russell Corlis.....	Captain General.
Sir William Hays Scott.....	Prelate.
Sir Manning Mayfield.....	Senior Warder.
Sir William Milton Murphy.....	Junior Warder.
Sir Noah Mays Farren.....	Treasurer.
Sir Amaziah Davidson Davis.....	Recorder.
Sir Benjamin Rankin.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir George Franklin Musgrove.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Francis Asbury Holliday.....	Warder.
Sir John Quincy Adams Conner.....	Captain of the Guard.

CREATED.—Amaziah D. Davis, Strange Brooks, William M. Francis A. Holliday, Robert H. Leek, John Q. A. Conner, Victor Royal R. Lacy.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	
Created.....	
Members, 1872.....	

DAMASCUS COMMANDERY, No. 42, HAVANA.

Chartered October 22, 1872.

Stated Conclaves the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Luther Dearborn.....	Commander.
Sir Lewis Keyon.....	Generalissimo.
Sir Jacob F. Coppel.....	Captain General.
Sir Lambert M. Hillyer.....	Prelate.
Sir Walter S. Dray.....	Senior Warden.
Sir Elijah Snyder.....	Junior Warden.
Sir George A. Blanchard.....	Treasurer.
Sir Edgar A. Wallace.....	Recorder.
Sir Pollard S. Anno.....	Standard Bearer.
Sir Henry H. Moose.....	Sword Bearer.
Sir Oscar H. Harpham.....	Warder.
Sir Isaac N. Mitchell.....	Captain of the Guards.

CREATED. — George A. Blanchard, Walter S. Dray, Simon Frankinfield, William H. Hamlin, Henry H. Moose, Isaac N. Mitchell, Elijah Snyder, Charles Schill, Edgar A. Wallace, William H. Webb, John L. Walker.

RECAPITULATION.

Members, 1871.....	8
Created.....	7
Members, 1872.....	15

IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.



In Memoriam.

LYMAN W. ROUSE	Apollo, No. 1	June 6, 1872
DAVID W. LAMBERSON	Apollo, No. 1	— 1871
WILLIAM JARRETT	Belvidere, No. 2	Aug. 13, 1872
CHARLES A. AUSTIN	Joliet, No. 4	Oct. 24, 1871
OLIVER P. PHILLIPS	Joliet, No. 4	Not known
SCOTT P. FRAZIER	Freeport, No. 7	—
WILLIAM DEWEESE	Beaumanoir, No. 9	Feb., 1872
JOHN STEINAGLE	Beauseant, No. 11	Mar. 18, 1872
LYMAN C. HURD	Urbana, No. 16	Aug. 30, 1872
WILLIAM BLACK	Urbana, No. 16	— 1872
DARIUS FISHER	Temple, No. 20	Feb. 13, 1872
ALBERT M. HOBBS	Aurora, No. 22	Jan. 7, 1872
STEPHEN MUNDY	Aurora, No. 22	April 3, 1872
HERMAN N. OWEN	Calvary, No. 25	June, 1872
CHARLES LEOFLER	St. John, No. 26	Sept. 23, 1872
ANDREW JACKSON	Hugh De Payens, No. 29	June 18, 1872
JAMES MCCOY	Almoner, No. 32	Dec. 9, 1871
FINLEY McC. HALL	Mt. Olivet, No. 38	Nov. 25, 1871

"He giveth His beloved rest."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

APPOINTED BY **THE** GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

Georgia	Sir Samuel P. Hamilton.
Iowa	Sir Pitkin C. Wright.
Kentucky	Sir A. G. Hodges.
Maine	Sir Josiah H. Drummond.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Sir William S. Gardner.
Mississippi	Sir William G. Benbrook.
Missouri	Sir George F. Gouley.
New Hampshire	Sir William Barrett.
New York	Sir John W. Simons.
Ohio	Sir Heman Ely.
Pennsylvania	Sir Alfred Creigh.
Tennessee	Sir John Zent.
Texas	Sir A. S. Richardson.
Vermont	Sir John B. Hallenbeck.
Wisconsin	Sir Henry L. Palmer.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

APPOINTED NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS

Georgia.....	Sir Vincent L. H.
Iowa.....	Sir James H. Mil
Kentucky.....	Sir Charles E. M
Kansas.....	Sir Jerome R. Go
Louisiana.....	Sir Harman G. R
Maine.....	Sir Charles M. M
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	Sir Vincent L. H
Missouri.....	Sir Vincent L. H
Mississippi.....	Sir James A. Hav
New Hampshire.....	Sir Vincent L. H
New York.....	Sir Harman G. R
Ohio.....	Sir Vincent L. H
Pennsylvania.....	Sir Harman G. R
Tennessee.....	Sir Vincent L. H
Texas.....	Sir Charles H. Br
Vermont.....	Sir James H. Mil

RESOLUTIONS NOW IN FORCE.

No. 1, 1858: *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be required, at each annual Grand Conclave, to furnish the Grand Treasurer a copy of the report on mileage and *per diem*, and that the Grand Treasurer pay over the money as specified in said report, and take receipts upon said report, which shall be his sufficient voucher.

No. 2, 1858: *Resolved*, That suspension or expulsion of one who is a Sir Knight, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, from a Lodge or Chapter, shall be deemed sufficient cause for striking his name from the roll, without trial or notice: *Provided*, that, in case of appeals, no action shall be taken in the Commanderies until final action is had upon the matter in the body to which such appeal is taken.

No. 3, 1858: Repealed, 1871.

No. 4, 1858: *Resolved*, That a Commandery is at work, under Dispensation, from the date of the Dispensation.

No. 5, 1858: Repealed, 1871.

No. 6, 1858: *Resolved*, That Sir Knights working in a Commandery under Dispensation are entitled to remain with such Commanderies upon obtaining a Charter, or to retain their membership in the Commandery to which they previously belonged.

No. 7, 1859: *Resolved*, That the form of Burial Service adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States be ordered to be used by the Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction.

No. 8, 1859: *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction be required to open and close once in each month.

No. 10, 1863: Repealed, 1872.

No. 11, 1864: *Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Encampment be instructed to vote against any further changes in the Uniform of a Knight Templar, and against any change in the style and title of Officers.

No. 12, 1867: *Resolved*, That when the work on Tactics and Drill is completed, the Grand Recorder be instructed to publish them in text-book form; that, also, he publish with it the monitorial portion of the work, the Statutes, Regulations of this Grand Commandery, the Burial Service, and the Installation and Dedication Services of the same, and that he furnish copies to Commanders and Sir Knights at cost price.

No. 13, 1868: *Resolved*, That every petition for a Dispensation for a Subordinate Commandery shall state, in addition to the matters heretofore usual, forth, that some one of the petitioners, who shall be named, is competent to charge the duties of Eminent Commander in conducting the ordinary business of a Commandery, and is also sufficiently skilled in the Work and Ritual of the Order to be able to open and close a Commandery in due form, and to confer Orders of Knighthood in a proper manner; and the recommendation from the nearest Commandery shall affirm that the facts stated in the petition are true, and the Commandery so recommending shall be held responsible to the Grand Commandery for the truth of such affirmation.

No. 14, 1868: *Resolved*, That all Commanderies Chartered at this Annual Conclave, and all Commanderies hereafter created, be, and are hereby, ordered to prepare a code of by-laws for their government, and the same to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for his approval, before the same shall be considered regular and in due form.

No. 15, 1868: Repealed, 1872.

No. 16, 1868: *Resolved*, That each Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction be furnished with three copies of the Tactics and Drill adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that they be required to conform thereto.

No. 17, 1868: *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to provide a jewel for each Past Grand Commander, with suitable devices and inscriptions.

No. 18, 1869: Repealed, 1871.

No. 19, 1869: *Resolved*, That amendments in Subordinate Commanderies increasing fees, increasing or reducing dues, or regulating times of meetings, shall not require the action of this Grand Body.

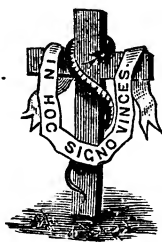
No. 20, 1870: *Resolved*, That all Representatives to the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Illinois be and are hereby requested to appear at the Conclaves equipped, at least in the undress uniform of a Knight Templar.

No. 21, 1871: *Resolved*, That in Patents issued to Representative Commanderies of the Grand Commandery, near the East of other Grand Commanderies, the Grand Commander is hereby authorized to name the rank of Past Grand Commander in the title, and the rank of Sir Knight in the motto, and the rank of Sir Knightissimo as that under which such Representative shall be received and received.

No. 22, 1872 : *Resolved*, That the Grand Commander subdivide the jurisdiction of Illinois **into nine districts** for visitation, and assign each district as may be most convenient, to the following Grand Officers, viz : Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Warder ; and that they be required to visit every Commandery in the district assigned them at least once during the year, and report such official visitation, in writing, to the Grand Commandery, when next assembled in Annual Conclave.

No. 23, 1872 : *Resolved*, That a sum equivalent to five cents *per capita* of the members of the several Subordinate Commanderies be and is hereby appropriated by this Grand Commandery for the purpose of complying with the order of the Grand Encampment of the United States at its last Conclave.

No. 24, 1872 : *Resolved*, That no Subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction shall have the right to appear in public as a Commandery, except upon Masonic and Templar occasions, without first obtaining a Dispensation from the R. E. Grand Commander.



TEMPLAR DECISIONS,

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

1859—1871.

I. DECISIONS OF GRAND MASTER HUBBARD—1859

1. All installations by proxies are irregular. If the officer-elect is not a Commission must be appointed to perform that duty.
2. Sir Knights living in jurisdictions governed by State Grand Commissions and desiring information relative to any point in the Law and Usage of Masonry, should apply directly to the R. E. Grand Commander of their jurisdiction, and he, if necessary, to the Grand Master.
3. Fees for entrance to the Knightly Orders cannot lawfully be received from any persons, clergymen or otherwise.
4. Statutes, Rules, and Regulations form a better expression in Masonry than "Landmarks."
5. Of the time necessary to intervene between the rejection of an application for the Knightly Orders and his second application, each Commandery should be a proper judge for itself.
6. The objection of a visiting Sir Knight against an applicant for the Knightly Orders ought to be entertained and sanctioned.
7. It is not necessary for a member of a Commandery to dimit, prior to uniting with a Commandery Under Dispensation.
8. A Grand Commandery, acting on a case of appeal, may admit the appellant in person to plead his own case, even though he may have been excluded from the Subordinate Commandery.

9. A Commandery may, by proper vote, grant permission to an applicant under its jurisdiction, to present his petition for the Orders to another Commandery.

10. A petitioner made a Knight Templar in a Commandery Under Dispensation is not, *ipso facto*, a member of that Body, but the matter is regulated by the By-Laws of the Commandery.

11. If the Commander of a Commandery Under Dispensation resigns his office, and his resignation is accepted by his superior, the Grand Commander will appoint an officer in his place.

II. DECISIONS OF GRAND MASTER FRENCH—1865.

12. A Sir Knight, if a member of the Grand Encampment, though a member of a Commandery U. D., becomes eligible to office therein, if the Commandery has been chartered previous to his election.

13. A State Grand Commandery has the power of making assessments upon its Subordinates, in the form of Edicts.

14. A Commandery U. D. is placed by the Constitution in the same position as a Chartered Commandery, with three exceptions. *First*, It is limited in its existence; *Second*, It cannot elect its three first officers; *Third*, It cannot be represented in the Grand Body, from the presiding officer of which it has received its Dispensation.

Templars who have received the Orders in a Commandery U. D., sustain the exact relation to that Commandery, and to the great body of Templars, that those who have received the Orders in a Chartered Commandery sustain to the Commandery in which *they* were made, and to the great body of Templars.

The mere conferring of the Orders does not make the candidate a *member* of the Body that confers them, but the signing of the By-Laws does.

15. The only test which a candidate for Orders should be subjected to is, that he is a "Royal Arch Mason [Constitution, Article Fourth, Section II., (Regulation 3),] according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States," which certificate must be attached to his petition. Any other requirements would be an innovation.

16. A Grand Commandery has the right to confer the Orders upon a regular Royal Arch Mason, who never has applied for the Orders to any Subordinate Commandery.

And, either with or without fee, upon which it may act its pleasure.

17. Commanderies, having exclusive power to decide all questions concerning membership, must decide all questions concerning petitions therefor, by vote—such as whether or not a petition may be withdrawn, etc.

18. The ballot upon the petition for the Orders in a Commandery must be *secret*, and it must be sacred.

19. Without the consent of the nearest Commandery to the petitioner of residence, or of the Grand Commandery of the State, another Commandery cannot confer the Orders without subjecting itself to the penalties prescribed in the Constitution.

20. No power exists, either in the Grand Master, or any Grand Commander, to *dispense* with any Constitutional provisions, *unless* the Constitution authorizes it.

III. DECISIONS OF GRAND MASTER PALMER — 1861

21. Any member of a Commandery, in good standing, is eligible to be elected Grand Commander, notwithstanding he may never have held either the rank of Captain General, or Generalissimo.

22. The officers of a Commandery should be elected on the day prescribed in the By-Laws of the Commandery for that purpose.

23. Whenever two or more Commanderies appear in public together, the command of the whole devolves upon the Commander of the Senior Commandery.

24. In such case, the Senior Commandery is entitled to the right of precedence. A proper exercise of Knightly courtesy, however, should, under the circumstances, always yield the command to the most experienced and efficient Commander present, and the right of the line to the best drilled and best equipped Commandery.

25. No one can purposely be made a member of our Order, which is based on the Christian religion, and the practice of the Christian virtues," who is not a firm believer in the religion of Jesus Christ, no one who does not acknowledge Him as the Saviour of mankind, and believe in the atonement offered up on Calvary, can be a worthy Knight Templar. The rules of the Order do not require any further or more definite profession of faith than is contained in the Ritual. One who ridicules or makes light of the Holy Scriptures, scoffs at religion, is an unworthy member of the Order.

26. A Knight Templar in good standing has the right to object to the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood upon a Companion Royal Arch Mason in a Commandery, after such Companion has been balloted for and elected, whether the objecting Sir Knight was present at the time of the ballot, or not. When such objection is made in open Commandery, verbally, or by communication thereto in writing, the Eminent Commander is not authorized to proceed and confer the Orders upon the candidate. The Sir Knight making objection cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor.

27. Every member of a Commandery, in good standing, has a right to know what transpires in his Commandery, but no member of a Commandery is to disclose to any one *not* a member, any matter arising during the hours of a regular assembly.

28. An Eminent Commander cannot resign his office during the term for which he was elected, after being duly installed.

29. A Knight cannot be an active member and enjoy all the privileges and rights of two Commanderies at the same time, one of them being Under Dispensation. When a Templar signs a petition for a Dispensation to form a new Commandery, if the Dispensation be granted, his membership in his old Commandery remains in abeyance, and he is an active member of the new Commandery, while U. D., and if the Dispensation be followed by a Charter to the new Commandery, he continues a member of that, and ceases to be a member of the old one.

30. Whenever a Grand Commander removes from the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, he thereby vacates his office, the powers of which devolve upon the Deputy and remaining officers, according to seniority — and after such removal, he cannot exercise the powers of the office.

31. A Commandery Under Dispensation, has the same exclusive jurisdiction within the territory which, in case a Charter should be obtained would belong to it, that would appertain to a Chartered Commandery.

32. In the absence of any provision in the By-Laws of a Commandery to the contrary, the petition of a Companion who is rejected, may be presented at any regular meeting subsequent to that at which the rejection occurs.

33. The Ritual of the Order of Knighthood should not be written.

34. Upon application for the Order of Knighthood, the vote must be by ballot. The ballot is secret, and has the same effect as a ballot in a Blue Lodge.

35. Petitions for the Order of Knighthood can only be received and acted upon at regular Conclaves of the Commandery.

36. A Past Commander, who is an honorary member of a Commandery, in the absence of the three principal officers, he being at the time an active member, and also an officer, in another Commandery, cannot open the Commandery.

Honorary membership does not confer the right to vote in any Commandery, nor any rank or standing therein, but is merely complimentary.

IV. DECISIONS OF SIR WILLIAM S. GARDNER, GRAND MASTER — 1868-1871.

Referred to the Committee "on Digest of Templar Law," to report thereon at the next Session.

37. The Grand Encampment has settled what the costume of a Templar shall be, and I do not feel at liberty to qualify or extend it.

38. I never supposed that the costume prescribed by the Edict of 1862, for Templars, was meant for the Order of Red Cross; there would be a glaring inconsistency in it. The Prelate here wears the full dress of a High Priest, and

the Sovereign Master the royal robes, with a Crown. In the Order of the Grand Encampment the requirements of the Grand Encampment must be observed.

39. The Order of the Grand Encampment, as I understood it, does not require the Commanderies already provided with uniforms, to change for the new ones, but when new regalia is required, or new Commanderies constituted, the regalia prescribed by the Grand Encampment should be obtained.

40. The Grand Commander can authorize the meeting of a Commandery where Charter has been destroyed by fire, by an order setting forth that the Charter was granted, etc., which order will have all the effect of the original Charter until a new one is issued by the Grand Encampment.

41. A Commandery *Under Dispensation* cannot make members; this is the prerogative of Chartered Commanderies.

42. I am convinced that the authority to grant Dispensation to the Commanderies of different Commanderies, was intended to be exercised only in those Territories where no Commandery existed, and for the purpose of introducing the Knighthood into such State.

43. When there is but one Subordinate Commandery in a State, and it is under Charter from the Grand Encampment, it cannot become a member of the Grand Commandery of an adjoining State.

44. It is regular and legal for a Grand Commandery to install the officers named in a Dispensation, at the same session a Charter was granted to the Body.

Provided, The Grand Commandery had first Constituted the new Body.

45. The whole matter relating to the way and manner in which the officers should be elected is, until otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, to be determined locally within the province of the Grand Commanderies to determine. The authority of the Commander is commensurate with that of the Master of a Lodge.

46. A Past Commander, dimitting and removing to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, loses his right to a voice and vote in the former Commandery, both that from which he removed, and that in whose jurisdiction he has affiliated.

47. In framing a Constitution for a Grand Commandery, the exact requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment must be followed and adhered to.

48. Past Commanders cannot appoint proxies, or vote by representation. Grand Commanderies cannot establish a representative system that is not authorized to admit it.

49. A quorum in a Grand Commandery consists of the presence of a constitutional number of nine Knights being entitled to vote as members of the Commandery, even though no Representative be present from a Subordinate Commandery.

50. No other qualification is required than that of membership in the same Commandery as his principal—he is not required to be of equal or superior rank.

51. The language "All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes," does not apply to the question of revision or amendment of the By-Laws, Statutes, or Rules of a Grand Commandery, or the reception of candidates for the Orders. The latter requires entire unanimity, and the Grand Encampment requires "the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present" to amend its Constitution, which clearly authorizes a Grand Commandery to require a two-thirds vote for any amendment to their Statutes.

52. I am unwilling to say, officially, that when a Grand Commandery is reduced to two Subordinates, the Grand Body is or is not in Constitutional existence.

Whatever my own views may be, I am inclined to think that the Grand Encampment would decide that, when there ceased to be three Subordinate Commanderies in any State where a Grand Commandery has been established, that the Grand Body ceases its existence, and that the jurisdiction passes to the Grand Encampment.

53. A Subordinate Commandery has no right of appeal from the Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment. The decisions of a Grand Commandery in reversing the decisions of its Subordinate Commandery, are final and conclusive. A Sir Knight who had been suspended by his Commandery, and upon appeal had that sentence reversed by the Grand Commandery, has no judgment of suspension resting upon him.

54. An Eminent Commander has no right of appeal from the decisions of his Grand Commander, to the Grand Master.

In both of these cases the subject matter in controversy was *disputed* "jurisdictional limits of Subordinate Commanderies"—the power to fix rests absolutely with the Grand Commanderies.

55. The jurisdiction of a Subordinate Commandery cannot be rightfully invaded by another.

56. Upon the decease of a Knight holding office in a Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander can fill the vacancy by appointment until the next election.

If the vacancy be in a Subordinate Commandery, the Eminent Commander may fill it by appointment. The Grand Commander may order an election to fill the vacancy.

57. A Knight who has never held office is eligible to the position of Eminent Commander.

58. In the election of Officers, blanks are not votes, and should not be counted or considered as such.

59. There is an incongruity in the incumbency of both the office of Commander and Grand Commander at the same time. I am of the opinion two offices ought not to be held by the same Knight.

60. A Grand Commandery is required to elect, by ballot, the seven of the Grand Commandery, the first and ninth inclusive. See Article Section I. (3) and Section IV. (5) Constitution 1871. The remaining four (second, third, fourth, eighth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and thirteenth) alone may be appointed.

61. It is not necessary that a Knight should have been a Commander to entitle him to office in the Grand Commandery, under the present rule. The requirement would, however, be Constitutional, and its incorporation into the Statutes of a Grand Commandery might tend to raise the standard of the Officers.

62. Commanderies rank by the date of their Charters, and not after the customary date of the Commander's commission. Commanderies, like we with us, elected annually, can have no precedence as such.

63. In the absence of the Commander and Past Commanders, the Senior Warden or Captain General can confer the Orders and create Knights.

64. A Templar under European jurisdiction, who has not received the Order of the Red Cross, cannot visit our Commanderies.

He must first be created a Red Cross Knight, and the proper course would be to petition for the same.

Though to enable our Fratres in Canada (who stand precisely in the same position) to visit our Commanderies, the Red Cross, though not in their jurisdiction, has been conferred as a "Side Order" in that jurisdiction.

65. The Grand Encampment has repeatedly and emphatically declared that no Grand or Subordinate Commandery has any right "to adopt a rule requiring the possession of the Council Degrees a prerequisite to the admission of the Orders of Knighthood." In which ruling I fully concur, and agree with the reasons given therefor, and I should much prefer to see the Order of the Temple brought nearer to the fountain head of pure Masonry, than separated further from it by the interposition of still more rubbish.

66. The Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies *adjourn* Subordinate Commanderies should *close* when the Conclave is finished — and from labor to refreshment."

67. Neither the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery can abridge the Ritual of Templar Masonry.

68. The Ritual in the Red Cross directs that the Prelate should be created as such, and not as High Priest. I think the Ritual wrong; nevertheless it cannot change it, much as we may desire to. The Ritual from which ours was taken makes use of the phrase High Priest.

69. If in a Commandery one Knight would be tempted beyond his power of endurance by the presence of wine, I should say by all means dispense with its use. I do not consider its use essential. I should leave it to the best judgment of the Commander.

70. No authority is necessary from the Grand Master to authorize a Past or Present Commander to Install a Commander elect.

71. The Order of Malta is now required to be conferred as one of the Orders appendant to that of the Temple, and a Ritual was prepared by Grand Master French, of Washington, which was printed and circulated. I do not know where a copy can be had. [None of them came into the hands of the Grand Master or Grand Recorder of the present Triennial Session.]



ORDERS AND EDICTS

OF THE

GRAND MASTER, AND GRAND ENCAMPMENT

ORDER No. 3.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIR J. Q. A. FELLOWS, M. E. GRAND MASTER

*To all the Grand Commanders of our State Grand Commanderies, and
Commanders of Commanderies holding their Charters immediately from
the Grand Encampment—GREETING :*

WHEREAS, The first clause of paragraph (1) of Section V. of Article I of the Constitution of Grand Encampment, in defining the duties of the Grand Master, expressly provides that "as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful oversight over all the Commanderies, State and Subordinate, in the United States, that all the Constitutional Enactments, Rules, and Edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and properly observed, and that the dress, work, and ceremonies of Templar Masonry everywhere are *uniform*."

AND WHEREAS, At this time, under the foregoing provision of the Constitution, the Grand Master has occasion only to call the attention of all the Commanderies, whether Grand or Subordinate, to the Edicts of the Grand Encampment upon the subject of dress, enacted in 1862, and to urge a greater uniformity.

To this end, therefore, he has caused to be re-published the EDICTS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF 1862 (pp. 45 to 50 of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment) as hereto appended, and to order a strict compliance therewith. This Edict is absolute in its character, and supersedes and repeals all former Rules, and Edicts upon the subject. The costume it prescribes is, as recommended by the Committee, neat, durable, economical, and distinctive in character, and excuse can be considered satisfactory why the same should not have become universal.

In addition to the failure to adopt, a worse evil has, however, begun to prevail — that of innovation and change — and to this tendency this Order is more particularly directed. Simply to illustrate the character of the departures from a strict uniformity, the coat may be instanced. The only description in the Edict is, "black frock coat." This can mean nothing else than the frock coat of society, cut in the usual style, of the ordinary length, with such buttons as are usually worn, and those placed in the ordinary manner; in other words, a "black frock coat" is one that can be worn on any occasion, and wherever a black frock coat may be worn, and which may not cause any distinctive observation or remark whatever.

These remarks may be applied to every other article of dress, costume, or uniform, or whatsoever may be included in the Edict hereto appended.

There are to be added to the articles specified, under the heads "Full Dress," and "Fatigue Dress," those trimmings, etc., which are described in the Edict, and as there described, and absolutely no other. A strict observance of these directions is necessary to uniformity, and to prevent that tendency to extravagance of dress which is hardly consistent with the vows of a Templar.

We trust, therefore, that each Commander to whom this shall come will comply with the terms of this Order, and enforce a strict uniformity, and see that his Command is fully and properly uniformed.

Done at New Orleans, Louisiana, this 30th day of
December, A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and
Seventy-One. BY THE GRAND MASTER.

[SEAL.]

Attest my hand, and the Seal of our Grand Encampment, at Iowa City, Iowa, December 30th,
A. O. 753.

T. S. PARVIN, *Grand Recorder.*

EDICT OF 1862. — TEMPLAR UNIFORM.

THE UNIFORM OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

FULL DRESS.

Black Frock Coat, black Pantaloon, Scarf, Sword, Belt, Shoulder Straps, Gauntlets, and Chapeau, with appropriate trimmings.

FATIGUE DRESS.

Same as Full Dress, except for Chapeau a black cloth Cap, Navy form, with appropriate Cross in front, and for Gauntlets white Gloves.

SCARF.

Five inches wide in the whole, of white, bordered with black one inch on either side, a strip of Navy Lace one-fourth of an inch wide at the inner edge of

the black. On the front centre of the Scarf, a Metal Star of nine points, in allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, inclosing the Passion Cross, surrounded by the Latin motto, "*In Hoc Signo Vinces*," the Star to be three and three-quarter inches in diameter. The Scarf to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, with the ends extending six inches below the point of intersection.

CHAPEAU.

The Military Chapeau, trimmed with black binding, one white and two black Plumes, and appropriate Cross on the left side.

GAUNTLETS.

Of buff leather, the flap to extend four inches upwards from the wrists, and to have the appropriate Cross embroidered in gold, on the proper colored velvet, two inches in length.

SWORD.

Thirty-four to forty inches, inclusive of Scabbard, Helmet Head, Cross Handle, and metal Scabbard.

BELT.

Red enameled or patent leather, two inches wide, fastened round the body with buckle or clasp.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

For Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment.—Royal Purple Silk Velvet, two inches wide by four inches long (outside measurement), bordered with two rows of embroidery, of gold, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Cross of Salem embroidered, of gold, in the centre, lengthwise.

For all other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment.—The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of Salem the Patriarchal Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office respectively, embroidered, of silver (*Old English Characters*), at the foot of the Cross, narrow-wise of the Strap.

For the Officers and Past Grand Officers of a Grand Commandery.—Bright Red Silk Velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide: the Templar's Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered (*Old English Characters*), in silver, on the lower end of the Strap.

For the Commander and Past Commanders of a Subordinate Commandery.—Emerald Green Silk Velvet, one and a half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in the centre.

For the Generalissimo.—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Square, surmounted with the Paschal Lamb.

For the Captain General.—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Level, surmounted with the Cock.

CAP.

Navy form ; black cloth, four to five inches high, narrow leather strap fastened at the sides with small metal Templar's Cross, and with appropriate Cross in front.

DISTINCTIONS.

The Sir Knights will wear white metal wherever metal appears. Commanders and Past Commanders, Grand and Past Grand Officers, gold.

CROSSES.

Sir Knights, Commanders, and Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross ; Grand and Past Grand Officers of State Commanderies, the Templar Cross ; Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, the Patriarchal Cross ; the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, the Cross of Salem, which is the Patriarchal Cross, with an additional bar in the centre.

The various Crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the Chapeau, and on the Scabbard of the Sword. Those on the Chapeau to be three inches in height ; on the Sword, one inch.

HANGINGS FOR JEWELS.

The hangings of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies may remain as at present.

GRAND STANDARD.

Is of White Woolen or Silk stuff, six feet in height and five feet in width, made tripartite at the bottom, fastened at the top to the cross bar by nine rings ; in the centre of the field, a blood red Passion Cross, over which is the motto, "*In Hoc Signo Vincas ;*" and under, "*Non Nobis Domine ! non Nobis, sed Nominis tuo da Gloriam !*" The Cross to be four feet high, and the upright and bar to be seven inches wide. On the top of the staff, a gilded Globe or Ball, four inches in diameter, surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross, twelve inches in height. The Cross to be crimson, edged with gold.

BEAUSEANT.

Of Woolen or Silk stuff, same form and dimensions as the Grand Standard, and suspended in the same manner. The upper half of this standard is black, the lower half white.

PRELATE'S ROBES.

A full white linen or muslin Robe, open behind, reaching down within six inches of the feet, fastened around the neck below the cravat, which should be white, and having flowing sleeves reaching to the middle of the hand. A white woolen Cloak, lined with white, fastened around the neck, and extending down

to the bottom of the Robe ; on the left front, a red velvet Templar Cross, six inches in width. A blue silk Stole, reaching down in front to within six inches of the bottom of the Robe, and having on it three Templar Crosses of red silk. Mitre of White Merino, bordered with gold, lined with green, having the Red Templar Cross extending to the edges, and surmounted by a Passion Cross three inches high. The special badge of his office is a Crozier.

A true copy from the Records.

ATTEST :

THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.



CIRCULAR ORDER.

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS :
Chicago, December 1st, 1872.

To the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Illinois :

In accordance with the regulations of the Grand Commandery, this jurisdiction has been divided into nine districts, as follows :

FIRST DISTRICT—Right Eminent Sir Daniel Dustin, Grand Commander, in charge—Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, Sycamore; Calvary Commandery, No. 25, Woodstock; Bethel Commandery, No. 36, Elgin; Crusader Commandery, No. 17, Rockford.

SECOND DISTRICT—Very Eminent Sir James A. Hawley, Deputy Grand Commander, in charge—Dixon Commandery, No. 21, Dixon; Freeport Commandery, No. 7, Freeport; Galena Commandery, No. 40, Galena; Evarts Commandery, No. 18, Rock Island; Bethany Commandery, No. 28, Mendota; Temple Commandery, No. 20, Princeton.

THIRD DISTRICT—Eminent Sir Hiram W. Hubbard, Grand Generalissimo, in charge—Cyrene Commandery, No. 23, Centralia; Elwood Commandery, No. 6, Springfield; Mt. Pulaski Commandery, No. 39, Mt. Pulaski; Gorin Commandery, No. 14, Olney; Beaumanoir Commandery, No. 9, Decatur.

FOURTH DISTRICT—Eminent Sir Theodore T. Gurney, Grand Captain General, in charge—Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago; St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, Chicago; Waukegan Commandery, No. 12, Waukegan; Aurora Commandery, No. 22, Aurora; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 33, Kankakee.

FIFTH DISTRICT—Eminent Sir Louis A. Jorgensen, Grand Senior Warden, in charge—Cairo Commandery, No. 13, Cairo; Gethsemane Commandery, No. 41, Metropolis; Belvidere Commandery, No. 2, Alton; Hugh De Payens Commandery, No. 29, Carrollton; St. Omer Commandery, No. 30, Litchfield.

SIXTH DISTRICT—Eminent Sir Asa W. Blakesley, Grand Junior Warden, in charge—Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, Quincy; Almoner Commandery, No. 32, Augusta; Galesburg Commandery, No. 8, Galesburg; Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, Jacksonville; Damascus Commandery, No. 42, Havana.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—Eminent Sir John F. Nash, Grand Standard Bearer, in charge—Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, Ottawa; Blaney Commandery, No. 5, Morris; St. John Commandery, No. 26, Peru; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, Peoria.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—Eminent Sir Charles Homan Brower, Grand Sword Bearer, in charge—Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Chicago; Joliet Commandery, No. 4, Joliet; St. Paul Commandery, No. 34, Fairbury; De Molay Commandery, No. 24, Bloomington.

NINTH DISTRICT—Eminent Sir Robert L. McKinlay, Grand Warder, in charge—Palestine Commandery, No. 27, Paris; Melita Commandery, No. 37, Tuscola; Urbana Commandery, No. 16, Urbana; Mt. Olivet Commandery, No. 38, Paxton.

You are hereby ordered to make official inspection of the Commanderies in the district assigned you as often as may be most convenient, but at least once during the present Templar year; and report in detail your doings and recommendations to the Grand Commander, through the Grand Recorder, in writing, on or before October 1st, next, that he may avail himself of any suggestions presented by you, to embody in his annual report.

By order of the Right Eminent Sir Daniel Dustin, Grand Commander.

JAMES H. MILES,
Grand Recorder



ADDRESS OF THE OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS.

1872-1873.

- R. E. Sir Daniel Dustin, of Sycamore.....Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir James Andrew Hawley, of Dixon.....Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir Hiram Warner Hubbard, of Centralia...Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir Theodore Tuthill Gurney, of Chicago...Grand Captain General.
Rev. and E. Sir Charles Allen Gilbert, of Joliet...Grand Prelate.
E. Sir Louis Henry Jorgensen, of CairoGrand Senior Warden.
E. Sir Asa Wellington Blakesley, of Quincy...Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir Robert Harris Foss, of Chicago.....Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir James Hoge Miles, of Chicago.....Grand Recorder.
E. Sir John Fisk Nash, of OttawaGrand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir Charles Homan Brower, of Chicago....Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir Robert Lang McKinlay, of ParisGrand Warder.
E. Sir Lockwood Keeler Osborn, of Morris ...Grand Captain of the Guards.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. E. Sirs Wiley M. Egan, John M. Pearson, and Charles E. Munger.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

E. Sirs James H. Miles (Chicago), Wm. S. Pease, and Wm. A. Levanway.



ADDRESSES.

RIGHT EMINENT SIR DANIEL DUSTIN,

GRAND COMMANDER,

SYCAMORE.

EMINENT SIR JAMES HOGE MILES,

GRAND RECORDER,

CHICAGO.

*The next Annual Conclave (Seventeenth) will be held in the City of Chicago, on
Tuesday, the 28th day of October, A. D. 1873, A. O. 755, at 10 o'clock A.M.*

